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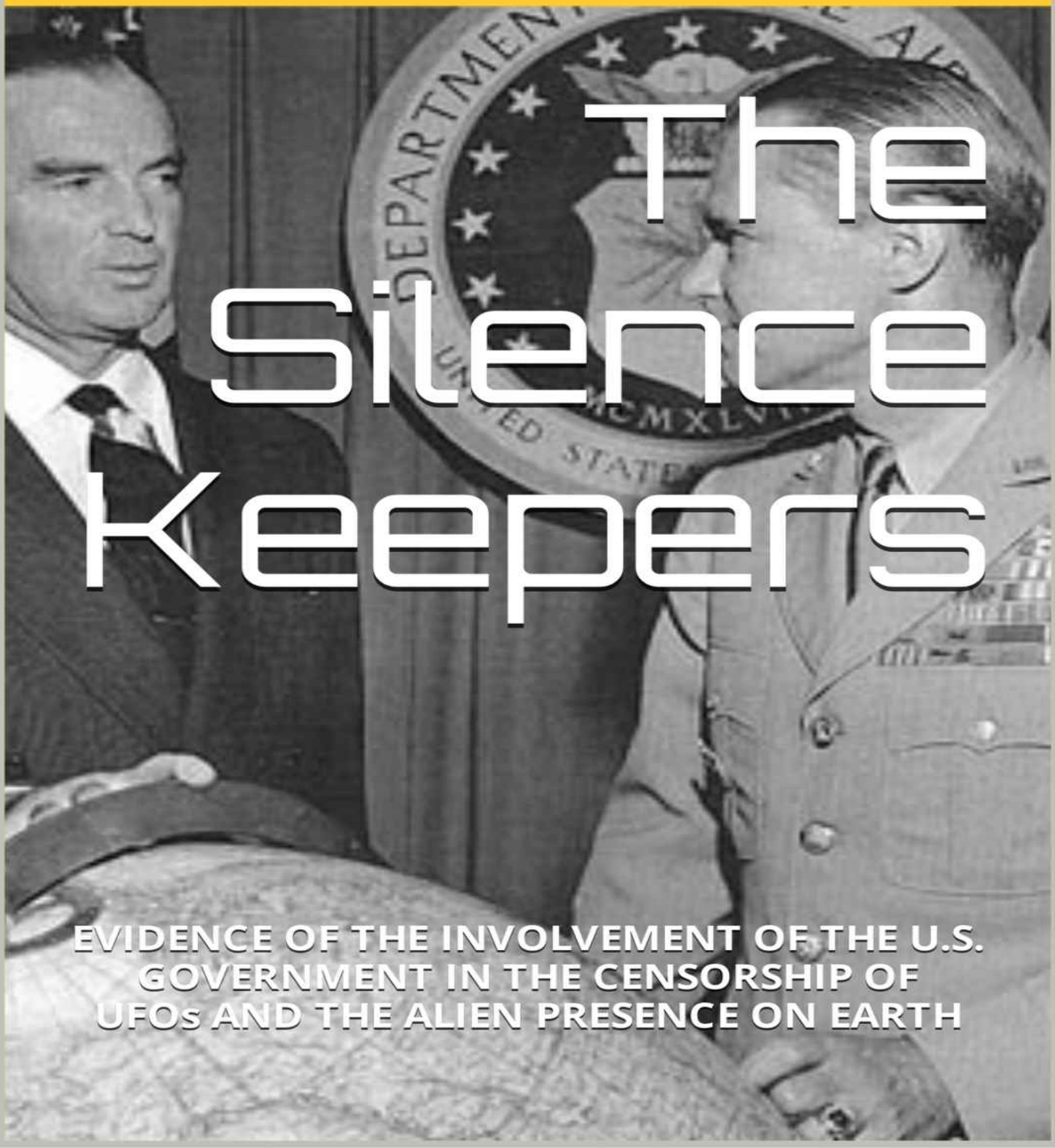

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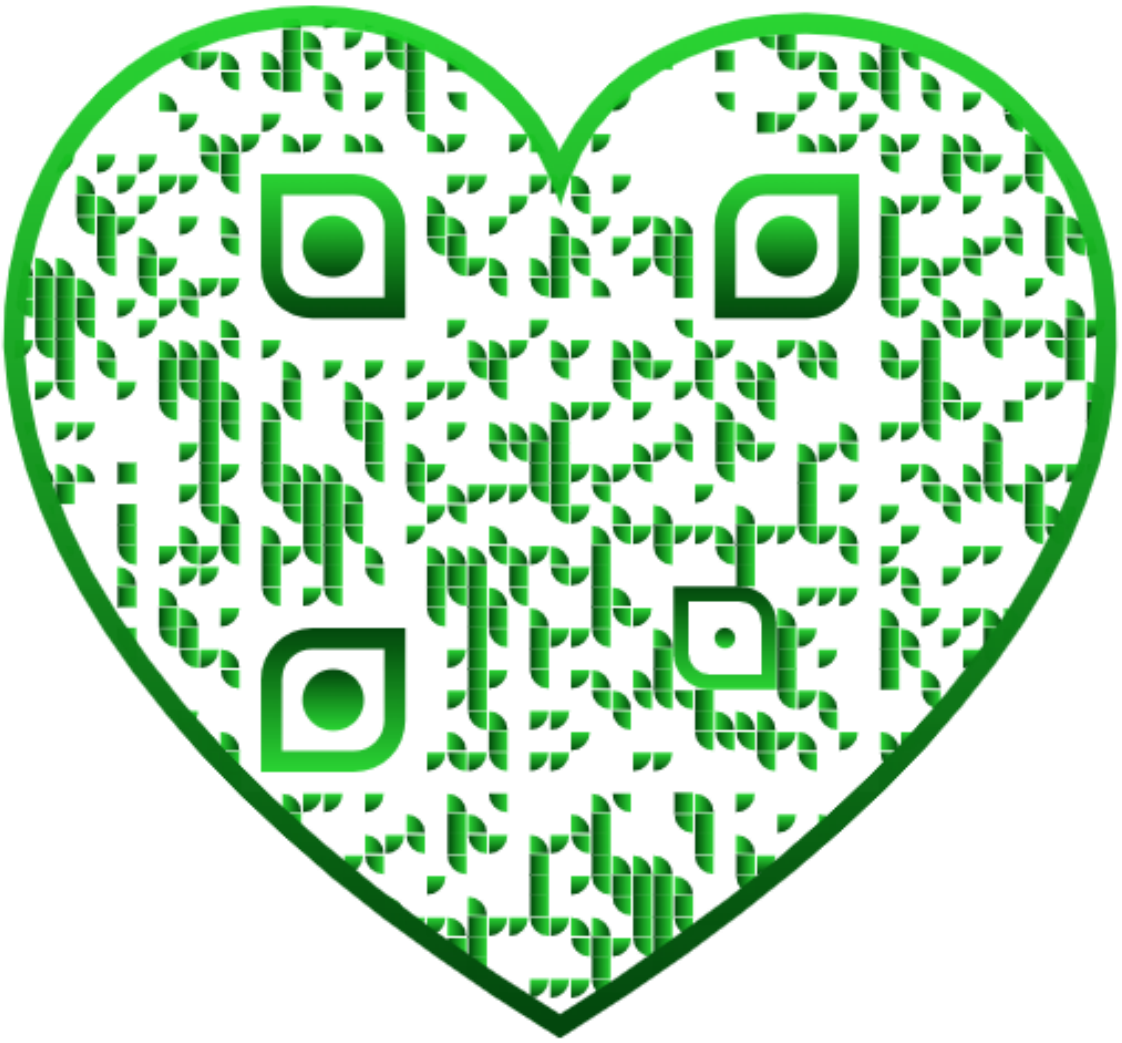

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FOREWORD BY MICHAEL E. SALLA, M.A. Ph. D

Marc St-Germain's *The Silence Keepers* provides a coherent and persuasive framework for understanding key features behind more than seven decades of secrecy concerning extraterrestrial life and technology. *The Silence Keepers* provides a plausible historical timeline for the development of advanced weapons and technologies related to the flying saucer phenomenon that began with Nazi Germany's partially successfully reverse engineering efforts.

Especially helpful is the effective use of official documents released through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) in the U.S. and its Canadian equivalent; leaked Majestic 12 documents; and whistleblower testimonies. St-Germain uses these sources in a nuanced manner to understand the historical response by official government and military agencies in the U.S. and around the world, to the flying saucer phenomenon, the study of captured craft, and reverse engineering effects undertaken in secrecy.

What I found very helpful in *The Silence Keepers* was the historical evolution of radar technologies from simply monitoring aircraft, to radar becoming an effective counter measure against flying saucers that relied on sensitive electronic navigation equipment. His discussion of the cooperation between the United Kingdom and the USA on sharing sophisticated radar technologies prior to, during and after the Second World War, shows how military leaders understood well its defensive use not only against advanced Nazi aircraft, but also visiting extraterrestrial spacecraft. He describes how sophisticated radar equipment was deployed near the Roswell Army Air Field to protect the only nuclear squadron in the world from flying saucers that, in July 1947, were unfortunate enough to fall victim to these technologies.

St-Germain gives a succinct overview of the special role played by Dr. Vannevar Bush in organizing the study and reverse engineering of captured extraterrestrial vehicles. The postwar scientific organization Bush headed, the Joint Research and Development Board, worked closely with the CIA, and its forerunner, the Central Intelligence Group, in

locating, retrieving and maintaining secrecy about extraterrestrial craft recovered from all over the world.

The historical evolution and use of psychological warfare tools in covering up the flying saucer phenomenon is well documented and discussed in detail by St-Germain. As he points out, psychological warfare was a key feature of the deception imposed on the U.S., Canadian, British and world publics by national security elites briefed on the reality of extraterrestrial visitors. Those outside of this elite national security group, even senior military and political leaders, were as fooled as everyone else by the sophisticated psychological warfare tools put to use in key media outlets controlled or heavily influenced by the CIA.

What I found most helpful in St-Germain's book is his extensive use of the Majestic 12 documents that elicit much debate in the UFO research community. Most UFO historians avoid the controversy by simply ignoring these documents. Yet that denies the reader the opportunity to understand what light these documents shed on key historical events concerning how national security elites managed issues concerning extraterrestrial life and technology. As a former member of the Canadian Armed Forces, St-Germain appreciated the nuances surrounding the sensitive national security topics these documents covered, and gives a cogent explanation for why he believes most of them to be authentic. I agree with his conclusion. Put most simply, one can't really fathom the events surrounding the historical management of the UFO extraterrestrial issue, without considering at least some of the Majestic documents as authentic.

In my own book, *Kennedy's Last Stand: Eisenhower, UFOs, MJ-12 & the JFK Assassination* (2013), I show how the Majestic documents play a critical role in understanding what happened to President John F. Kennedy as he challenged the MJ-12 Group over access to classified UFO files.

One of the Majestic documents I cite, contains an Assassination Directive called Project Environment that was drafted in 1961. The

Directive could be used against anyone in the Kennedy administration, including Kennedy himself, who challenged MJ-12 operations. Another Majestic document shows that only ten days before JFK's November 22, 1963 assassination he requested that the Director of the CIA share classified UFO files with NASA, and ultimately the Soviet Union.

Scrawled on this Top Secret Memo is the handwriting of a future CIA Director, William Colby, saying that only two days before the JFK assassination, James Angleton, the chief of CIA Counterintelligence, had the MJ-12 directives that would be used to respond to Kennedy's November 12 CIA Memorandum. This Majestic document is smoking gun evidence that the MJ-12 Group was behind the Kennedy assassination, a view that St-Germain agrees with in *The Silence Keepers*.

One of the strengths of *The Silence Keepers,* is that it provides a succinct overview of the flying saucer phenomenon as it began in Nazi Germany, and the historical processes by which Nazi scientists were repatriated to the U.S. to work on these advanced technologies.

He explains why members of the military-industrial complex decided to hide these advanced technologies out of self-interest, and how the drug trade became an integral part of funding classified projects that were conducted outside of the oversight mechanisms of legislatures.

In only 220 pages of written text, St-Germain covers a lot of ground and does very well in staying within the parameters of the documents and whistleblowers he cites. The documents he cites are critical to understanding key historical developments in the management of the extraterrestrial issue. *The Silence Keepers* offers a succinct, easy to read, primer on the key individuals, institutions and processes used in maintaining over 70 years of secrecy concerning the reality of extraterrestrial visitors to our world.

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PREFACE

In the last sixty years, the subject of UFOs has spilled much ink, perhaps a little too much... Is the impressive number of books related to this phenomenon enough proof to confirm that an extraterrestrial civilization visited Earth? Far from it! Faced with the eternal question: *Are we alone in the Universe?* some scientists have recently started to cautiously address the issue. Just as biochemistry and microbiology, exobiology, the science studying extraterrestrial life probabilities is now part of the pure and applied science curriculum. This openness of science first became a necessity when astronomers discovered the first exoplanet in 1992.[1] Since then, several thousands of these extra-solar planets have been identified, some of which could support life!

A rigorous scientific structure had to be put in place to collect information related to this new field of research. In 2011, a multidisciplinary team composed of biologists, astrophysicists, biochemists, and geologists filled that role by publishing the *Encyclopedia of Astrobiology*; an impressive 1853-page alphabetical reference book that will, among other things, establish defined markers for researchers faced with this new paradigm of the possibility of life on other planets. Far from being limited to the existence of primitive life forms such as algae or bacteria, this team clearly expresses the desire to find an inhabited planet:

"The ultimate goal for humanity is to discover an inhabited exoplanet. Astronomers have defined the concept of a habitable zone as a region in a planetary system where temperatures (generally between 0 ° C and 100 ° C) allow the presence of liquid water".[2]

However, this unexpected open-mindedness of science about extraterrestrial reality has its limits. When I asked Professor Daniele Pinti, a geologist who worked on the *Encyclopedia of Astrobiology*, if the subject of the possibility that one or many intelligent species has recently or in the past visited our planet has been approached, he answered:

"No, in our study of exobiology we are not interested in the existence of extraterrestrials having visited Earth, which may seem illogical, since

exobiology is the science that studies extraterrestrial life. Scientists do not like hard to prove stories. We could call them sophists. So, the first question is not officially studied by science, we are rather looking for evidence of life elsewhere."

This obvious discomfort of science on the subject of extraterrestrial presence on our planet has not always been so imposing. In the fifties, many scientists discussed the question freely. Some were for, others against, but at least there was an open debate on the topic. It seems that the mysterious aura around this question has reached the ranks of the worst taboos, which is now discussed in veiled terms. Nowadays, any credible person who sees a flying object defying the laws of physics prefers to keep that experience to himself rather than make it public… Is it really a normal reaction? Of course, it's not! In the fifties, many of the people who witnessed UFO sightings contacted the appropriate authorities. What could have happened for such a change in attitude to occur?

To fully understand this situation, we must go back in time and look at how these same authorities treated the UFO question. The U.S. Air Force came to the conclusion that UFOs were nothing but misinterpreted sightings of airplanes, planets, luminous reflections or mass hysteria… So, either you had trouble seeing, you were hallucinating, or you were nuts! The only problem with that is that many people having seen UFOs were totally credible witnesses. Some of them were military or civilian pilots with hundreds of hours of flight. Looking back sixty years after some of these events, it is obvious that something major happened during this time period for them to stop reporting their sightings. Something that was better to hide at all costs…

When we follow this lead, we discover that the establishment of this censorship seems to stem from an integrated structure skillfully erected during those years. This idea implies the existence of a clandestine and influential group, whose motivations go against the population's interests. When we look deeper into it, we also discover that a secret executive structure whose purpose was to keep the secret about extraterrestrial reality was then established.

Why? Even though there may be many reasons for this concealment of information, it is easy to understand the motivations of this group when we learn that some of their own interests were in the oil industry and that UFO technology worked on a principle of free and unlimited energy. Since the price of energy resources continues to increase and their exploitation undermines the health of our ecosystems, a new low-cost and non-polluting technology would certainly be welcome. Facing the global exponential population growth and pressure from emerging countries that want to consume at the same rate as North Americans do, our civilization will soon have no choice but to take responsibility for matters of global management of energetic resources. We are faced with a dilemma between increasing demand in energy and the necessity to reduce our polluting emanations related to the use and exploitation of fossil energies.

Even though we have known for a long time that these resources are limited, few governments have taken the initiative to invest in the research and development of renewable energies. True, oil is a very lucrative source of income, as much for the companies exploiting it as for the governments receiving billions in taxes from it every day. Since the world's economy is based on the oil industry, switching this energetic resource for another would change the entire basis of the world's financial system and probably create global economic chaos. Not only could the arrival of a new performing energy source make the combustion engine obsolete, but it would destroy the oil industry and the economy related to it. Furthermore, the governments of industrial countries would lose a great part of their tax revenues coming from this industry. In the mid-fifties under Eisenhower's presidency, this problem was secretly discussed among specialists; under the shadow of the Great Depression and the pollution problems not yet on the government's agenda, it was decided that a new unlimited energy resource should not be introduced in the world's economy. Since most members of the military-industrial complex had personal interests in the development of black project technologies, they all had something to gain in keeping this secret. The growing empire of the military-industrial complex has done well in incorporating the development of technologies related to alternative resources inside highly classified and compartmentalized projects. In the last sixty years, these above top-

secret research projects exceeded expectations and the technological gains were such that interstellar travel would now be possible for humankind!

What about UFOs and extraterrestrials? That is the whole point! Most lies and secrets are related one way or another to the technologies we supposedly “borrowed” to advance our own. Unbeknownst to all and in the greatest secrecy, a parallel technological industry was developed on the basis of reverse engineering of extraterrestrial spacecraft previously obtained by the military. As incredible as it might seem, the history of technical discoveries of this past century does not represent the reality. However, a very large part of this reality is still available due to firsthand witnesses of some of these events and to official documents corroborating these evidences. The information in this book is based on real testimonies, very credible bibliographical references and a great quantity of declassified/leaked U.S. and Canadian government documents.

Note to the Reader

Since most of the information and references in this book come from military organizations, many acronyms are used in the text. To simplify the reading, the meaning of each acronym is available in the appendix at the end of this book.

INTRODUCTION

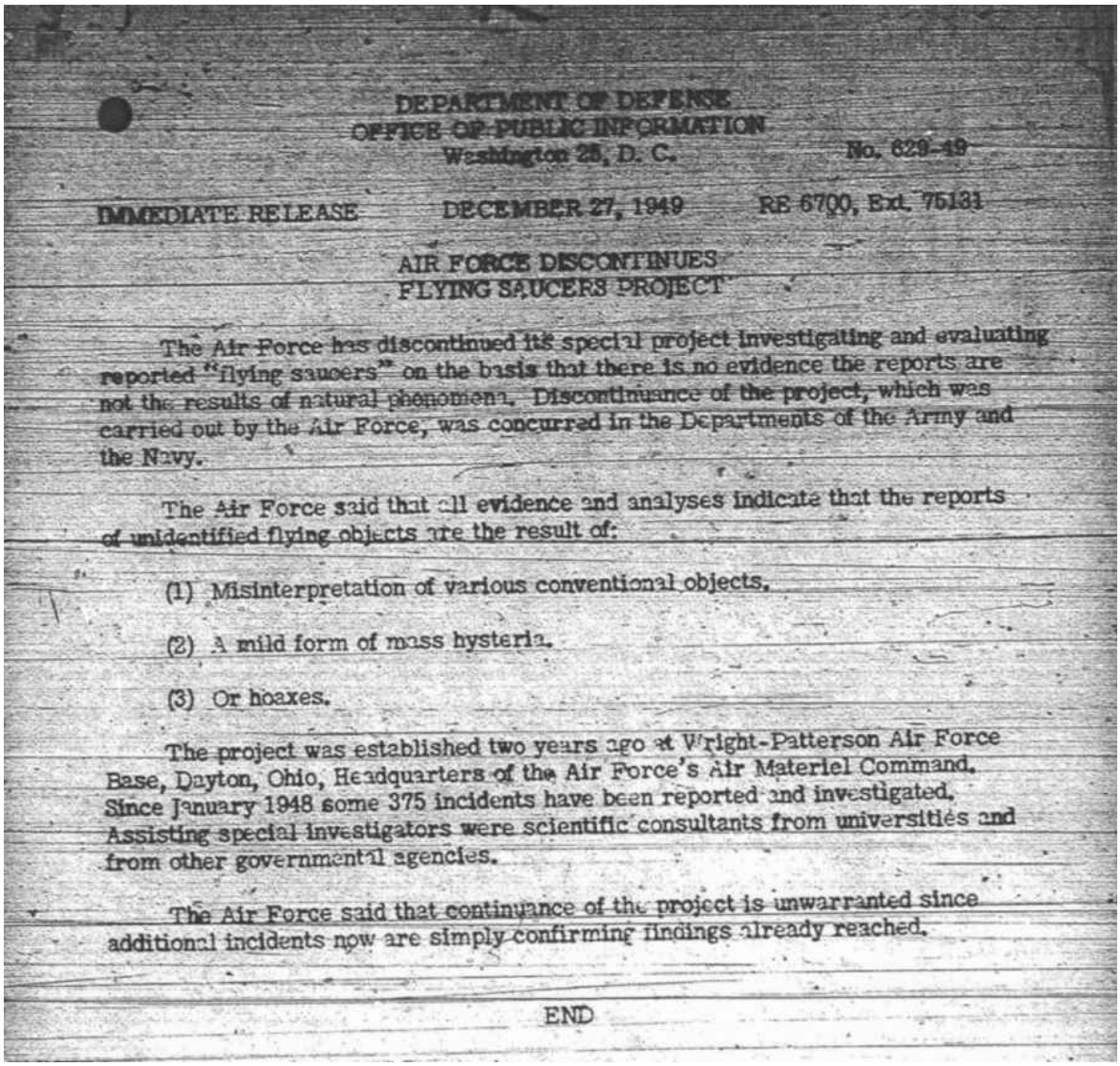
After World War II, the media covered many events devoted to unknown phenomena. Phenomena that would question the vision we had of our place in the Universe. On June 24, 1947, while on a rescue mission near Mount Rainier in Washington State, Kenneth Arnold, a civilian pilot, observed nine flying objects whose erratic movements resembled saucers ricocheting on water. After describing what he saw to the media, the term *flying saucer* was introduced by journalists all around the world in order to give a name to that phenomenon.

Less than a week after Arnold's testimony, rumors spread that a flying saucer had crashed in New Mexico. It was discovered after a quick investigation by the U.S. Air Force that the recovered object was in fact a weather balloon… Was there a cover-up? Many thought so. In December 1947, faced with the American public's insistence for answers on the multiple sightings of flying saucers over their territory, the U.S. Air Force initiated Project Sign. Even though the existence of "Project Saucer" was public knowledge, experts' first conclusions in the following year were kept secret. After the committee submitted their *Estimate of the Situation*, all members of Sign were fired. This top-secret report concluded that flying saucers were real and that they came from another planet. Since the USAF was committed to make the conclusions of this investigation public and that the extraterrestrial hypothesis was not a suitable issue, Project Grudge was set up almost immediately after Sign's closure and in December 1949, the conclusions were rendered public as follow:

''The Air Force has discontinued its special project investigating and evaluating reported ''flying saucers" on the basis that there is no evidence that the reports are not the results of natural phenomena. Discontinuance of the project, which was carried out by the Air Force, was concurred in the departments of the Army and the Navy. The Air Force said that all evidence and analyses indicate that the reports of unidentified flying objects are the results of:

1) *Misinterpretation of various conventional objects.*
2) *A mild form of mass hysteria.*
3) *Or hoaxes."*[1]

Despite the fact that the U.S. Air Force claimed that those who saw flying saucers were nuts, it did not stop the continuous stream of sighting reports from reaching their office. The public finally started doubting the honesty of military officials because of their insistence on denying the numerous sightings made by credible witnesses. Faced with such contradictions and the possibility of an extraordinary article, Ken Purdy, the editor of *True* asked Major Donald Keyhoe, a retired Marine Corps naval aviator, to investigate and write an article for his magazine. Keyhoe, who was already writing to earn a living, agreed. After interrogating many high-ranking military officers as well as many firsthand witnesses, he published an article that made a sensation throughout the U.S.; *The Flying Saucers Are Real!* In this article he wrote that flying saucers exist, that their technology seamed considerably more advanced than our own and that they were maneuvered by intelligences not from this planet.



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The project was established two years ago at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Headquarters of the Air Force's Air Materiel Command. Since January 1948 some 375 incidents have been reported and investigated. Assisting special investigators were scientific consultants from universities and from other governmental agencies.

The Air Force said that continuance of the project is unwarranted since additional incidents now are simply confirming findings already reached.

END

Keyhoe made it a point of honor to mention that the American government knew all about it, but desperately tried to hide this information from the public. From 1947 to 1969, the Air Force took charge of the management of the UFO phenomenon through three subsequent study projects: Sign, Grudge, and Blue Book. Despite the enormous number of reports treated by analysts, the results of each project remained negative as to the possibility of any extraterrestrial presence linked to these observations. However, rumors surrounding the possible recovery of an extraterrestrial spacecraft by the Air Force quickly increased the curiosity of the American population. Only a few months after the alleged Roswell events, where military authorities declared that the debris recovered came from a weather balloon; President Truman's administration established the National Security

Council as well as the Central Intelligence Agency. Was there a link? Was setting up this crisis management structure to ensure security surrounding events linked to any extraterrestrial presence? Despite the official version saying that it was all related to the Communist Threat, many leaked documents that date back from this time period tell a very different story…

A story where President Truman, along with high-ranked government officials, set up a hidden military-scientific structure aimed at uncovering the mystery behind the technologies of alien spacecraft recovered on U.S. soil. Many testimonies confirmed the content of these same documents. Testimonies from credible people, some being high-ranked officials of the American government. Canada has not missed the UFO flap of that time period, and like in the U.S., the subject was kept secret among the Canadian military apparatus. As early as 1947, away from inquisitive looks, a secretive structure was being put in place to collect and assess information on UFOs. It was the beginning of the Cold War and tensions with the Eastern Bloc were to be expected in the arms race. All potential new technology was kept secret, studied and developed in a military perspective, but Wilbert Smith, a Canadian telecommunication engineer, had a very different vision for the application of this new technology he was just beginning to understand. In the UFO phenomenon Smith saw the possibility of using the Earth's magnetic field as an energy resource, and he took the initiative to ask some U.S. scientists about progress in their own research on the subject.

In November 1950, during a short visit in Washington, D.C., he quickly realized that officially nobody was interested in UFOs; behind-the-scenes however, there was a lot of attention put into it. In his approach to learn more, he met an American physicist named Dr. Robert I. Sarbacher who was then a U.S. Army consultant for weapon development. After a brief meeting, the words of the physicist confirmed the doubts Smith had on the enormous technological potential geomagnetism and UFOs represented. The subject being highly classified, Sarbacher suggested Smith get the proper security clearance from the Canadian Defense Department before looking for more information on the subject. Still in Washington, D.C. he met with the

liaison officer of the Defense Research Board at the Canadian Embassy who directed him to Dr. Omond Solandt, its founding chairman.

Smith's ultimate goal was to set up a study project on geomagnetism that would serve the general public and would not be used for military weapons development. When Smith met with Solandt two months after his visit in Washington, D.C., it was to inform him that he wanted to create a study project on geomagnetism under the Department of Transport rather than with the Defense Research Board; his argument was that he did not have enough information on the subject yet to put that kind of project within the Canadian military structure. Solandt accepted, but on the condition that he would supervise the project, and that any new developments would be communicated to him.

The day after his conversation with Solandt, Smith sent a five-page Top Secret memo to the Controller of Telecommunications, in which he explained the general principles of his theory on geomagnetism, the possible existence of flying saucers that worked on these principles, the implication of the U.S. government in their studies and the necessity for setting up a Canadian study project on the matter. Smith's recommendations were all accepted and on November 21, 1950, Project Magnet was established under the authority of Commander C.P. Edwards, Deputy Minister of Transport for Air Services. Wilbert Smith's secret Magnet Project officially lasted four years, during which he approached the flying saucers issue through many angles.

He worked on the problem of wave physics and tried to discover all its secrets; secrets evidently known by other civilizations before us, and that allowed them to travel among the stars. Smith developed a very complete methodology to cover the whole spectrum of science that could help him better understand the UFO phenomenon. He created a very complete statistic analysis chart to treat data issued from various sighting reports. The conclusions based on these statistic analyses were:

1. *There is a 91% probability that at least some of the sightings were of real objects of unknown origin.*

2. *There is about a 60% probability that these objects are alien vehicles.*

The conclusions based on studies of the basic physical concepts were as follows:

1. *Many of our fundamental concepts are inherently ambiguous and quite a different philosophy can be built up on the alternatives.*
2. *Several of these alternatives lead to much simpler arithmetic, and presentations which do not have to resort to patchwork corrections to make them all-embracing.*
3. *Furthermore, some of our ideas with respect to fields and their behavior are wrong.*

Project Magnet activities dealt with following up any and all leads." [2]
Wilbert B. Smith

In 1954, Wilbert Smith's Project Magnet was stopped because of political pressures coming from the general public's questioning on the necessity of such a study project. After the shutdown of his project, Smith kept a keen interest in the UFO phenomenon and continued to study it on his own until his death in 1962. During those years, Smith accumulated sufficient information on UFOs and extraterrestrials to become the Canadian specialist on the matter. Questioned about UFOs during a TV show Smith declared:

"*There is much evidence that the people who build and fly the saucers are people very much like us. They have been seen on many occasions and there are many claims of personal contact having been established with them. Communications with these people tell us that they are our distant relatives; that we are descendents of their colonies on this planet, and that they still regard us as brothers even though we don't often act like it*."[3]

In 1969, Professor Edward Condon of the University of Colorado presented a report: *The Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects*, in which the conclusions completely rejected the extraterrestrial hypothesis and gives no credit to Wilbert Smith's work. According to Condon's report, Wilbert Smith's conclusions could not be taken seriously because they were not those of the Canadian Department of Transport. The Condon Report on UFOs is just another hint that there may be people above every establishment that controls information related to UFOs, their technology, and the alien presence on Earth. The evidence about it is all around us and it just waits to be picked up like a ripe fruit…

CHAPTER I
HISTORICAL UFOLOGY OF WWII

The Context

To understand the events at the origin of the secrecy surrounding UFOs and their technology, it is important to really grasp the context of the era when those events began; the Second World War. In the course of this war, both parties understood that the winner would not be the one who had the biggest army like in World War I, but it would be the one who developed and rapidly used new, more powerful and efficient weapons than his opponent.

In fact, that situation started the technological race for advanced weapons between the countries involved in the conflict. During those years, each new technology became automatically classified; new military-industrial entities were granted more and more power in this sprawling structure that was growing slowly but surely.

A name was soon given to this invisible but omnipresent structure during and following the Second World War: the military-industrial complex. As its name shows, the very existence of this entity comes from military and private corporations involved in weapon development. However, the overall management and coordination of this unofficial organization came to existence only after a few individuals were given almost unlimited budgets without having to answer any question from the population and Congress. This situation was very convenient for the administrators of some of these industries as they were given lucrative contracts outside any democratic framework. Moreover, since these were military contracts, the great majority of their projects were, of course, highly classified, and thus out of public scrutiny. This means that as time went by, for the sake of “national security”, the industrial, scientific, and military hierarchy higher ups developed the habit of deciding which technology the civilian population would get and when they would get it. We were then faced with a great conflict of interest since these people were not there to serve the population like elected politicians but were there for the profit! As the saying goes, “Money is where the power is.”

The power had shifted from official leaders to influential industrial and high-ranking military officers. To make sure these technologies remained hidden from public scrutiny, these self-proclaimed masters used the existing intelligence structure in psychological operations of disinformation for their own use. Finally, to make sure no one had the slightest idea about what was really going on behind the scenes of this hidden group, they fragmented the information into small pieces…

This is the recipe on how to fool an entire population for decades on the existence of super-technologies that could solve some of the energy and environmental problems, to name just a few. For those in on the secret, one of the reasons for this global cover-up is to avoid a general panic; the population would not be able to handle the fact that we are not alone in the Universe. In some declassified documents arguing this point we can find a hint of that thinking in a 1938 CBS radio program which would have created great turmoil within the population. The radio adaptation of Orson Well's *War of the Worlds,* had, according to a study of 135 people who listened to the show, created some psychological and physical uneasiness, but nothing resembling collective hysteria as often described.[1] Was it the beginning of the manipulation of information linked to the extraterrestrial reality?

The Tizard Mission

“Despite the technical lead of the Germans at the beginning of the war, the British and the Americans have been able to catch the German radar technology around 1942 by deploying a large amount of resources. MIT Radiation Laboratory alone has spent more than two billion dollars over five years during the war.”[2]

In 1937, before WWII even started, Sir Henry Tizard, then Chairman of the Aeronautical Research Committee of England, proposed to send a scientific attaché to Washington, D.C., to get information on the technical resources the Americans had, and to renew the British-American cooperation in scientific research and development. His proposal was immediately rejected by the British due to fear that the Americans would do the same and send a scientific attaché that would discover their latest technologies. [3]

Such a military-scientific cooperation had, however, already existed during WWI, but was rapidly transformed into a technological competition a few years after the end of the hostilities. Disagreements regarding patents and payment of dividends to inventors caused tension between both nations. In 1921, the U.S. Navy refused to exchange information on the sonar with the British Admiralty. The next year, the British Naval attaché was instructed to get information on the American sonar, but not to reciprocate the information. This tense situation ended the scientific cooperation between the U.S. and the UK for nearly two decades. [4]

In the middle of 1938, with the threat of Nazi Germany at their door, the Royal Air Force, having heard of the legendary Norden bombsight, tried without success to purchase this incredible technology. It increased the bombers’ precision even though they were flying at great altitudes because of a stabilizing gyroscope that would take care of the direction of the plane as soon as the target was identified. The offer made to the U.S. Navy was rejected under the pretense that the bombsight was not for sale. The subsequent efforts made by the Royal Air Force had no impact on the U.S. Navy’s original decision not to share the Norden bombsight with them. Even sending a spy to the U.S. didn’t help to uncover the technical data of this technology.[5]

Faced with the vital importance that this new technology represented, the stakes took political proportions and President Roosevelt was pressured by his surroundings to make sure no U.S. military secret would be disclosed to other nations.[6] President Roosevelt's political advisors rapidly reminded him that in spite of the imminence of war in Europe, the U.S. was still neutral and should not take sides in the conflict. The British however, who were seeing the war coming at them very fast, knew that the Americans would sooner or later have to choose a side and transferred their negotiations on the diplomatic level. On May 1, 1939, a few months before the beginning of WWII, a meeting was set between Joseph Kennedy (John F. Kennedy's father), the U.S. Ambassador to the United Kingdom, and Kingsley Wood, the British Secretary of State. Wood proposed a mutual exchange of information on the radar technology developed by both countries arguing that the British were really advanced in this particular domain.[7]

Just like many other documents related to the exchange of military technologies, no written trace exists of the meeting between Joseph Kennedy and Kingsley Wood except a telegram sent to Washington, D.C.[8] If radar technology was so classified at the time, we should expect that the information it hid went further than the detection of distant targets. From a hypothetical point of view, but with the accumulated information pointing in that direction, it seems that soon before WWII started, the Germans were able not only to detect UFOs at a distance but were also able to disrupt their functioning with the help of strong pulsed radar waves.[9]

Even though other nations, such as England and the U.S. had already started to secretly develop radar technology, it was Germany that was most advanced in the domain, thanks to Dr. Hans E. Hollmann's work. The modern radar was first developed between 1928 and 1940 in Germany, and it was Dr. Hollmann who built the first microwave devices generator necessary for the creation of high energy waves.[10] In July 1939, after a few modifications and upgrades to the device being developed, the first *Würzburg* radar was shown to Hitler and the overall technical data described to him; Hitler waited until the war before putting it into production. Later, during the course of the war, more than 4000 of these radars were delivered to Germany.[11] The British may have had a

technological disadvantage compared to the Germans, but they were very advanced in espionage.

Shortly before the beginning of the war, the Germans sent spies to England so that they could stay informed of any development in military matters. Unfortunately for Germany, the spies of the Third Reich were not well prepared. Soon, their terrible accent and their lack of resources were the cause of their capture by British counterintelligence agents. Instead of killing them or taking them as prisoners, the British made a deal with the German spies captured during the war to use them as counterintelligence assets.[13]

As early as WWI, on the lookout for any information capable of giving them a strategic advantage, the British developed a global intelligence network deployed on a worldwide scale. It consisted of 21 sections; all under the supervision of the Secret Intelligence Service (SIS).[14] Due to this intelligence network the British were able to maintain a strategic upper hand worldwide over the last century.

With the emerging Third Reich, England knew very well that to win the next world conflict, they would need strong allies with great resources and industrial capabilities. America was the ideal place to allow development of weapons on a vast scale without risking any losses due to enemy bombings. Strategically, it was imperative for England to obtain the support of the U.S. and not lose anything to the Nazis and eventually make further geopolitical gains. On August 22, 1940, after months of diplomatic discussions, Sir Henry Tizard was finally welcomed on U.S. soil to offer top-secret information on the latest developments in radar technology.[15] In September 1939, at the very beginning of the war, Tizard was nominated Scientific Advisor to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force; one of the highest ranks of the scientific military hierarchy. This nomination allowed Tizard to influence the decision-making process related to scientific developments in the U.K.[16]

Given the lack of documents related to the eventual technological “loan” of the British through their secret services on the German radar’s improvements, we can only suppose that MI3 agents were sent to Germany to discover the latest secrets on the technological

developments of the Nazis, and to report the details to the Directorate of Military Intelligence,[17] which would have transmitted the necessary technical data to improve the cavity magnetron, an ingenious device that allows production and transmission of microwaves on long distances to detect targets from a small and mobile installation; in short, the modern radar technology. The possible applications of the magnetron in terms of military strategy and its level of confidentially were so high at the beginning of the war that unveiling those technical data to the Americans during the Tizard Mission was enough to gain their trust. At this crucial moment the U.S. began to play an increasingly active role in the war effort with the UK. The Tizard Mission served to demonstrate the importance of cooperation to the officers of the U.S. Army and Navy who were reluctant to a military-scientific agreement between allies.[18] There were more than 150 meetings during the British mission, lasting until December 1, 1940. Of the ten members of the team at least six were radar experts[19] - quite a great number in that particular field of development. Canadian scientists from the National Research Council also participated in the technological exchanges and contributed to the subsequent construction of many radar units in Canada. The first prototypes of the new Canadian radar were rented to the U.S. Army Signal Corps at the end of 1940.[20] A total of 17,000 units were built in North America and the majority were used by the U.S. Armed Forces as permanent radar stations or as mobile units on warships and planes.[21] Many contracts were given to Canadian and American private companies such as Canada's Research Enterprise Limited, Philco Corporation, Western Electric, Bell Telephone Laboratories and Radiation Laboratory & Westinghouse Electric and Mfg. Co., Inc.[22]

The involvement of the civilian industries in the research and development of classified military technologies had now begun. The business of developing military weapons during WWII was so lucrative that soon many corporate leaders were more powerful than the government itself. In the years following the end of WWII, the consequences of imposing military secrecy on technological developments were at the origin of a clandestine structure that placed itself above every major government in the world. This hidden structure first emerged as a U.S. government scientific entity in 1950, the National Science Foundation. Again, it was after Dr. Vannevar Bush's proposal to

President Truman that this scientific superstructure came to life. The nation's scientific progress was now controlled from this new scientific entity. While the civilian population thinks it has access to the latest technological advances issued from scientific research and development, in the background of the black world there is something else going on. Starting in the fifties, the control of information related to technological development became so efficient that, within a few years it created a considerable gap between the general public's technological reality and the black programs. Some insiders said that this technological gap would now be in the order of 50 years difference. Starting in the forties, most advanced military technology came from reverse engineering of crashed extraterrestrial aircraft recovered by special units. Many declassified documents attest to this; among those are the reports of the Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit; a special UFO investigation team created in March 1942 by General George C. Marshall right after the Battle of Los Angeles.

The Battle of Los Angeles and the IPU

In February 1942, President Roosevelt received a memo from General George C. Marshall about an incident involving an unknown type of aircraft that would have flown over Los Angeles on the night of February 25th (figure 1). Believed to be an enemy invasion from the Pacific, the 37th Coast Artillery Brigade fired on these flying objects with no fewer than 1430 rounds of ammunition. This event was engraved in the minds of the military as the Battle of Los Angeles. *

*This vivid reaction on the part of the 37th Coast Artillery Brigade towards unknown aircraft, even though inoffensive, is explained by the fact that the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor had occurred three months prior to this event, prompting the United States into entering the Second World War.

A secret document dated February 26th was only a mandatory situation report that the Chief of Staff of the Army had to send to the White House after this unusual event. Mentioned in the memo is the number of aircraft the Coast Artillery Brigade aimed, around fifteen, the flying objects' erratic speed, which varied between very slow to over 200 mph, and their average altitude from 9 000 to 18 000 feet. It is also mentioned that no bombs were dropped by these unknown aircraft and that there were no casualties among the troops. Nowhere in this first document on the Battle of Los Angeles is information on any damage caused to the "enemy" mentioned, nor of any possible debris or wreckage recovered on site. It ends simply stating that: "*Investigation continuing*" and:

"*It s*eems *reasonable to conclude that if unidentified aircraft were involved, they may have been from commercial sources, operated by enemy agents for purposes of spreading alarm, disclosing location of antiaircraft positions, and slowing production through black out*."

This last part of the memo is somewhat evasive and contradictory when we look at the whole document. It is hard to imagine the 37th Coast Artillery Brigade shooting 1430 shells in the middle of the city of Los Angeles on imaginary targets, as implied in the last part of the document:

"…*if unidentified airplanes were involved*". The information contained in this document is therefore intentionally censored by General Marshall, the author. However, other documents related to the Battle of Los Angeles exist in which we find more information pointing to the possible recovery of wreckage coming from extraterrestrial aircraft. Among other things, there is another memo, this time classified top-secret, and dated February 27, 1942, where President Franklin D. Roosevelt (F.D.R.) answers General George C. Marshall (Chief of Staff of the Army) on a previous request about the possibility of sharing some kind of information on material detained by the Army with the Soviet Union, which, at the time, was allied with the U.S. (figure 2).

Even if not explicitly mentioned, it is easy to understand that the material referenced to in the memo of February 27th, relates to the Battle of Los Angeles that occurred two days before. We can also see a very neat difference between the "sensitive" information contained in these first two documents; these differences are due to different classifications, the first being *Secret* and the second *Top Secret*. Considering what was written in the second memo, it seems evident that the two men exchanged information on the events of Los Angeles between these two letters. This hypothesis comes from the fact that Roosevelt mentioned on the document dated February 27th that he: "…*disagree with the argument that such information should be shared with our ally the Soviet Union*."

and that it is mentioned nowhere in the preceding memo. There is also a note at the end of Roosevelt's memo indicating: "*You may speak to me about this if the above is not wholly clear*."

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

February 26, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

The following is the information we have from GHQ at this moment regarding the air alarm over Los Angeles of yesterday morning:

"From details available at this hour:

"1. Unidentified airplanes, other than American Army or Navy planes, were probably over Los Angeles, and were fired on by elements of the 37th CA Brigade (AA) between 3:12 and 4:15 AM. These units expended 1430 rounds of ammunition.

"2. As many as fifteen airplanes may have been involved, flying at various speeds from what is officially reported as being 'very slow' to as much as 200 MPH and at elevations from 9000 to 18000 feet.

"3. No bombs were dropped.

"4. No casualties among our troops.

"5. No planes were shot down.

"6. No American Army or Navy planes were in action.

"Investigation continuing. It seems reasonable to conclude that if unidentified airplanes were involved they may have been from commercial sources, operated by enemy agents for purposes of spreading alarm, disclosing location of antiaircraft positions, and slowing production through blackout. Such conclusion is supported by varying speed of operation and the fact that no bombs were dropped."

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Signature- Carl L. Spicer

Chief of Staff.

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Figure 1. Memorandum from General Marshall to Roosevelt.

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February 27, 1942

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 27, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR

CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY

I have considered the disposition of the material in possession of the Army that may be of great significance toward the development of a super weapon of war. I disagree with the argument that such information should be shared with our ally the Soviet Union. Consultation with Dr. Bush and other scientists on the issue of finding practical uses for the atomic secrets learned from study of celestial devices precludes any further discussion and I therefor authorize Dr. Bush to proceed with the project without further delay. This information is vital to the nation's superiority and must remain within the confines of state secrets. Any further discussion on the matter will be restricted to General Donovan, Dr. Bush , the Secretary of War and yourself. The challenge our nation faces is daunting and perilous in this undertaking and I have committed the resources of the government towards that end. You have my assurance that when circumstances are favorable and we are victorious, the Army will have the fruits of research in exploring further applications of this new wonder.

You may speak to me about this if the above is not wholly clear.

F. D. R.

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This is a retyped version of [illegible]'s memo from DOE's DS files

Figure 2. Memorandum to General Marshall from Roosevelt.

Roosevelt wrote:

"*I have considered the disposition of the material in possession of the Army that may be a great significance toward the development of a super weapon of war. I disagree with the argument that such information should be shared with our ally the Soviet Union*."

The two men were very well aware that the best way to keep the secret on highly sensitive information was to nuance their written exchanges, no matter how the correspondence was classified. And the best way to transmit highly confidential information was through verbal communication on secured lines. As a matter of fact, in the last memo, Roosevelt underscored that:

"*Any further discussion on the matter will be restricted to General Donovan, Dr. Bush, the Secretary of War and yourself*."

and he also wrote in the same memo that:

"*This information is vital to the nation's superiority and must remain within the confines of state secrets*."

Another hint that proves that Roosevelt and Marshall had communicated together before the top-secret memo of February 27th is the reference to the "material" in possession of the Army following the Battle of Los Angeles. The recovered material that could give a superior advantage to the U.S. nation, and General Marshall's Army could expect "fruits of research" due to the technological nature of it. After having filled his duty by sending the details of the Battle of Los Angeles and the recovered material to President Roosevelt, General Marshall took the initiative to ask his secret service to conduct a brief investigation on the subject. Marshall also asked his intelligence unit to investigate among other corps of the military if any events of this same nature had occurred in the past.

To his surprise, it appeared that both the Navy and the Army Air Corps had recovered unconventional aircraft that crashed; one in the mountains east of Los Angeles and the other off the coast of California. It is at that time that General Marshall knew that he was not the first to investigate the phenomenon or even to have recovered exotic material.

And since the President seemed reluctant to share information he had on this new “enemy”, Marshall took the initiative to investigate the topic by creating a whole new section in his intelligence unit. It was from this information that on March 5, 1942, only one week after the events of Los Angeles, that General George C. Marshall created the Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit (IPU). This special investigation unit, within the Army’s intelligence service, was formed to investigate anything related to UFOs and extraterrestrial reality in a military perspective.

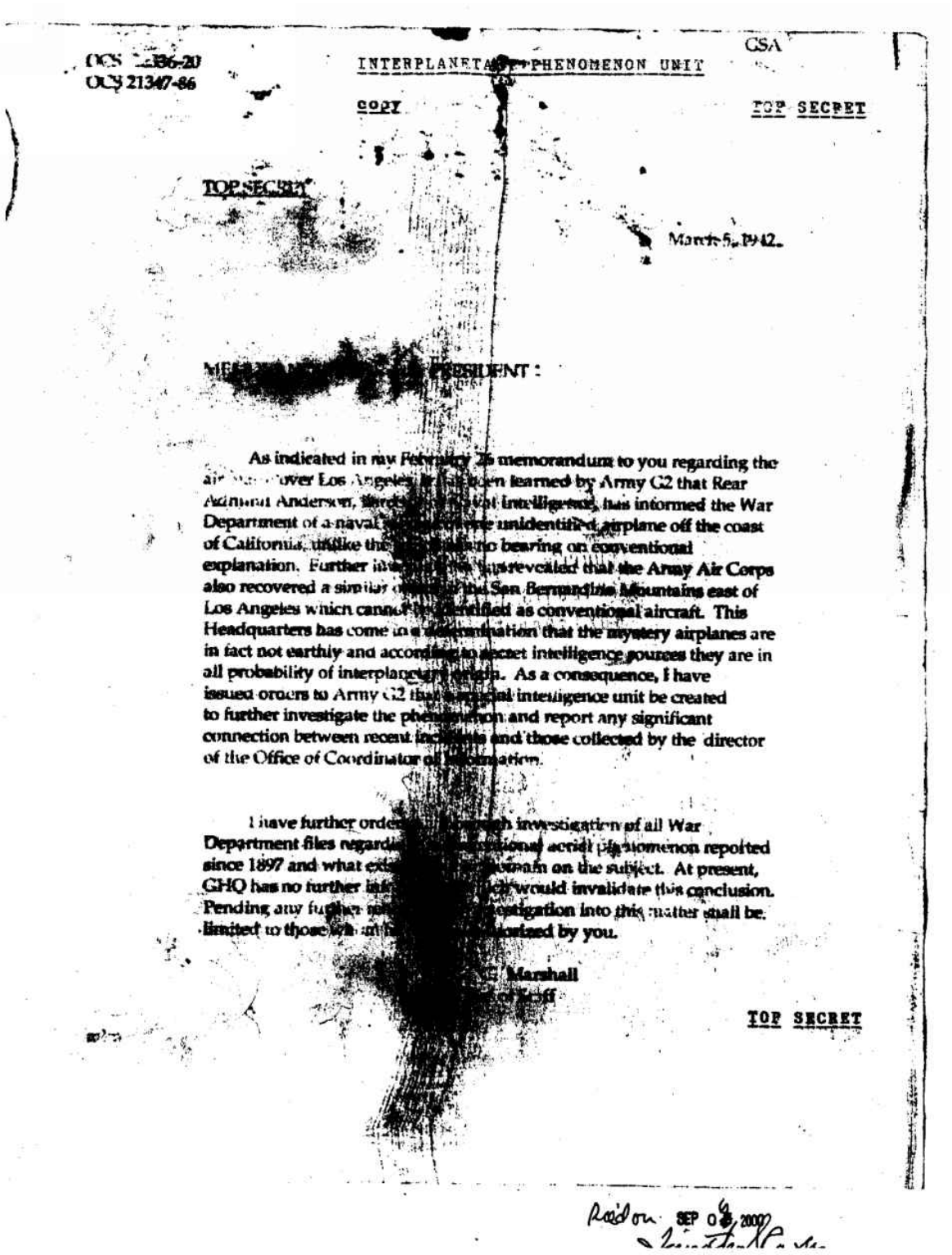
In a memo sent the same day to President Roosevelt (figure 3), Marshall wrote: “*This Headquarters has come in a determination that the mystery airplanes are in fact not earthly and according to secret intelligence sources they are in all probability of interplanetary origin. As a consequence, I have issued orders to Army G2 that a special intelligence unit be created to further investigate the phenomenon and report any significant connection between recent incidents and those collected by the director of the Office of Coordinator of Information*.”

Since the General had the authority to take such an initiative, the President had no other choice but to let him get all the information he wanted on the matter, but Roosevelt made sure that this new intelligence unit kept him updated on any new information. Although operating directly under the Army’s command, this unit’s power of inquiry was limited when investigating on activities related to alien technology recovery by other military corps. Throughout the Second World War, and up until September 1947, when the three branches of the Army were unified under the National Security Act, a competition existed between the Navy, the Army and the Air Force concerning information gathered on UFOs and their potential technological uses.

This competition that grew between the different intelligence units of the Army remained until the creation of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in September 1947.

In the beginning of WWII, the structure of the U.S. intelligence was deficient in many ways. On President Roosevelt’s demands, Colonel William Donovan created a central intelligence organization to coordinate information gathering based on the British military intelligence structure.

On July 11, 1941, the Office of the Coordinator of Information was created, and William Donovan was appointed its director. Unfortunately, the OCI had no real executive power over the different military intelligence agencies who, in fact, were not inclined to cooperate with a director who had no way of imposing his authority. [23]



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March 5, 1942

[illegible] PRESIDENT:

As indicated in my February 25 memorandum to you regarding the air [illegible] over Los Angeles [illegible] been learned by Army G2 that Rear Admiral Anderson, [illegible] Naval Intelligence, has informed the War Department of a naval [illegible] unidentified airplane off the coast of California, unlike the [illegible] no bearing on conventional explanation. Further investigation has revealed that the Army Air Corps also recovered a similar [illegible] the San Bernardino Mountains east of Los Angeles which cannot be identified as conventional aircraft. This Headquarters has come to a determination that the mystery airplanes are in fact not earthly and according to secret intelligence sources they are in all probability of interplanetary origin. As a consequence, I have issued orders to Army G2 that a special intelligence unit be created to further investigate the phenomenon and report any significant connection between recent incidents and those collected by the director of the Office of Coordinator of Information.

I have further ordered a thorough investigation of all War Department files regarding [illegible] aerial phenomenon reported since 1897 and what existing knowledge there is on the subject. At present, GHQ has no further information which would invalidate this conclusion. Pending any further [illegible] investigation into this matter shall be limited to those [illegible] authorized by you.

[illegible] Marshall
[illegible] of Staff

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Figure 3. Top-secret IPU memorandum to President Roosevelt.

Since the role of the Director of the OCI was to transmit information on issues coming from the different intelligent services directly to the

President, Roosevelt had to set up a central intelligence organization, officially appointed by him, to impose his authority and keep the control on military secrets. On June 13, 1942, only three months after the IPU was formed, President Roosevelt established the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) and William Donovan was again placed at the head of this new agency.[24] Since General Marshall now had access to highly classified information, he integrated the intimate circle of those in the know, composed of General Donovan, the first Director of OSS; Henry Stimson, Secretary of War and Doctor Vannevar Bush, Director of the Office of Scientific Research and Development (OSRD).

From now on, each of them would have to answer directly to the President in any matter related to highly classified information. During this time period, they were the most powerful people of the following organizations: intelligence, army, War Department and scientific military R&D. This structure had the advantage of keeping the secret on the development of new classified technologies while facilitating the control and coordination of all their sensitive activities. On that account, the President put a huge amount of resources in the development of the atomic bomb with the help of alien technologies that had been recovered from UFO wreckages. Many technologies in use today, such as optical fiber and computerized microchips, come from the study of components taken from alien spacecraft recovered during and after WWII. However, access to these new technologies by the civilian population is limited. The military-scientific industry has taken great care, from as early as the 1940s, to first develop the military potential of each component to its maximum before subtly integrating them for the general public to use.[25] The occasional leaks were controlled by scientific organizations such as the OSRD directed by Dr. Vannevar Bush to allow advances in certain high technology sectors.

Doctor Vannevar Bush and the OSRD

Even though rarely heard of, Vannevar Bush was one of the most influential scientists regarding the development of new technologies during WWII and after. In 1945, he published an article in which he demonstrated the details of a virtual platform for information transfer. This platform and its messages that he named “memex” were a description of what would later be known as the internet…[26] Very discreet (also a Freemason) he was both very intelligent and self-disciplined. Doctor Vannevar Bush was the creator of a structure responsible for the overall classified scientific development during WWII. This complex structure integrated the industry, the military-scientific development of the Navy, the Army and the Air Force while coordinating their respective intelligence agencies. The establishment of this structure was not easy: during its creation by Dr. Bush, many high ranked military officers tried to impede it. The Joint Chiefs of Staff did not accept the interference of this newcomer and his agency, whose *modus operandi* had no equivalent in the military world. Bush had to use indirect approach to have his ideas accepted among the military higher ups. This uncommonly intelligent man forever changed how future wars would be waged…

Born March 11, 1890, in Massachusetts, this son of a Universalist pastor, demonstrated talent for mathematics and science very early. He obtained a master's degree in record time and, after a few unsuccessful jobs, Vannevar Bush joined the Massachusetts Institute of Technology while studying at Harvard University. In 1917, he received a joint doctorate from both universities.[27] Shortly after arriving in Washington, D.C., Bush was hired by NACA (the forerunner of NASA), and in 1939, he was named its chairman. This specialized committee on aeronautics first united the scientists from university, industrial and military sectors. The need for secrecy was always one of the major problems for the development of classified technologies and during World War I, while working on the development of the sonar to detect German submarines, Bush realized the many deficiencies of the structure responsible for the development of classified technologies; when he had to turn to private investors to finance his sonar project, Bush discovered that two other groups were also working on devices similar to his.[28]

On top of the double work caused by a lack of coordination, the time required to execute a research project was longer due to the evident confusion between interdepartmental communications. At the end of WWI, Bush gave himself the mandate to remedy the situation: "*The (First World) war ended, and no set had ever found a single German submarine. But I learned quite a bit about how not to fight at war. That experience forced into my mind pretty solidly the complete lack of proper liaison between the military and the civilian in the development of weapons in time of war, and what that lack meant*."[29]

Aware of the United States' imminent entry into war against the Axis powers, Bush and NACA's secretary took it upon themselves to write, on paper, about the necessity of putting a governmental committee of scientific and military experts in place and proposed it to Congress. Bush took advantage of the German invasion of France to anticipate the proposal date and decided to present it directly to President Roosevelt. On June 12, 1940, Vannevar Bush met with President Roosevelt and proposed the National Defense Research committee (NDRC). The creation of this committee would, according to Bush, solve coordination problems in military-scientific research that occurred during WWI. Within 10 minutes, Roosevelt approved the creation of this committee and each term of the proposal.[30]

On June 27, 1940, Bush took the head of NDRC under the aegis of the National Defense Council to coordinate the industry and the national security resources with the objective of improving the weapon sector. The mandate of this committee will, however, be limited to experimental scientific research. Their initial budget was taken from the President's emergency fund.[31]

Some high-ranking officers complained that Bush took the power and positioned himself above all military scientific research. But Bush loved to do things his way and in order to do that, he had to be the boss, as was the case throughout his career. On the subject he wrote: "*There were those who protested that the action of setting up NDRC was an end run, a grab by which a small company of scientists and engineers, acting outside established channels, got hold of the authority and money for the*

program of developing new weapons. That, in fact, is exactly what it was."[32]

Under the ire of the army generals, President Roosevelt advised Bush to work only on experimental projects that did not yet have the attention of the military. Even though research on the radar was given to the Naval Research Laboratory, the latest developments did not allow assimilating the use of microwaves in their devices.[33] Bush's NDRC obtained the contract to develop the microwave radar which had not known any further developments since its discovery. They simply needed to find a way to create high-energy waves with a device small enough to fit into a radar. The idea was simple, but to discover the specifics of that kind of device was still only theoretical. No real conclusive experiments had been done by the U.S. Army yet.[34] Bush was kept up to speed by his many contacts that the British were soon coming on a scientific mission to exchange their latest military technological developments. In the summer of 1940, public opinion was still reluctant to consider a possible cooperation with the British, because it would increase the probabilities of forcing America into war. Since Dr. Bush was very interested in a scientific exchange between England and the United States, and since secrecy was needed, a scientific liaison office was established in Ottawa, Canada. A secret tripartite technological exchange agreement was concluded between British, Canadian, and American scientists in 1940, before the United States officially entered the war.[35]

In July 1940, Bush was already aware that the British scientists were trying to renew a military-scientific alliance with the United States. They contacted Vannevar Bush for his opinion on how to approach President Roosevelt and influence him to accept a British scientific mission in the U.S. It was thus with the help of Dr. Vannevar Bush that the scientific cooperation between England and the United States was reestablished. The following month, Sir Henry Tizard was welcomed to America to start his technological exchange mission.[36] With the arrival of the Tizard mission in the United States, Bush saw the golden opportunity to obtain the latest British discoveries related to radar technology. The first meeting between Bush and Tizard occurred on August 28, 1940, in Washington, D.C., and they immediately became friends.[37] They both

agreed that to efficiently coordinate the different stages of technological development that would be used during the war, the top scientists would need total access to actual military technologies and all those in development.

Tizard was pleased with the creation of Bush's committee who was the initiator of this idea. All they had to do was to get the project started.[38] Bush was confronted with great adversaries among the U.S. Army when he imposed the authority of the NDRC over their own. They refused that Dr. Bush and his committee sit on future meetings of the British exchange mission. For a while, Vannevar Bush had to resign himself to meeting the British scientists in an unofficial manner. Since the British were favorable to Bush and his committee, the members of the Tizard Mission took advantage of the first meetings with the officials of the War Department and the Navy to possibly include the NDRC in their discussions.[39]

It was only on September 12, 1940, that the War Department authorized exchanges between the British mission and the NDRC. Bush's committee though, did not have such ease with Harold Bowen, the Director of the Naval Research Laboratory. He saw Bush and his NDRC as rivals and tried without success to create an organization within the Navy that would override them.[40] The first official meeting between NDRC and the Tizard Mission occurred one week after the War Department agreement, and it immediately tackled the development of the microwave radar. The information the British mission had on the subject was greeted with joy by Bush's committee, because it seemed that the British had already built a miniature mechanism capable of generating microwaves and project them at a distance. The mechanism in question, called the cavity magnetron, would render possible, without further delay, the construction of the microwave radar.

This small, simple, but ingenious mechanism allowed the NDRC to take off and become an authority in matters of military scientific research.[41] It was evident that the integration of this type of device could change the outcome of the war, as radar technology could possibly help detect warships or aircraft targets at great distances from the ground.

Furthermore, the radar could also differentiate if incoming targets were allies or enemies.

The energetic performances of the magnetron were only part of the secret information retained by the British that could be useful to the Americans. Now a solid ally of Tizard and the British mission, Bush was instructed on the other possible "effects" of the pulsed microwave radar, which was to disturb the flight of unknown flying objects seen since the beginning of the conflict.

Bush was part of the very few individuals that were privy to this top-secret information. Among the sensitive information Bush was privy to, that could have a considerable impact in time of war, was the possibility of creating a powerful bomb from the nuclear fission of the uranium atom. This information, however, did not come from the British, but from the Germans… In October 1939, President Roosevelt received a letter signed by the infamous Albert Einstein, in which he talked about the possibility of building an atomic bomb. Einstein's letter was not intended to help the U.S. build the bomb, but to warn them that the Germans were possibly building one and could use it![42] Even if the majority of scientists of the time knew the theoretical principles of the atomic bomb, very few thought it would be feasible during the course of this war. The atomic bomb was seen as a weapon of the future because of the time required to develop and complete the project and because of the great amount of resources it required.

The atomic bomb project was given to Dr. Bush because it was judged experimental and had few chances of being completed in the short term.[43] In some documents mentioning the construction of the atomic bomb, references were made to non-terrestrial material recovered in 1941. In the memo sent to Marshall on February 27, 1942 (figure 2), a subtle allusion was made:

"*Consultation with Dr. Bush and other scientists on the issue of finding practical uses for the atomic secrets learned from study of celestial devices precludes* [*sic*] *any further discussion and I therefor* [*sic*] *authorize Dr. Bush to proceed with the project without further delay. This*

information is vital to the nation's superiority and must remain within the confines of state secrets."

When Roosevelt wrote:

"…*the atomic secrets learned from study of celestial devices…"*

it lets us suppose that as early as 1942, Dr. Bush's scientists were already in possession of non-terrestrial material and the study of that material helped the understanding of the atom's secrets, which at the end, lead them to the construction of super technology. This assumption comes from the fact that the above memo was written only two days after the Battle of Los Angeles, of which the memo refers to; it is highly improbable to arrive to such conclusions in this domain of science in such a short time. Other documents written later confirmed this possibility. As to the project we are concerned with, sanctioned by the President himself, it is the Manhattan Project, which was at the origin of the first atomic bomb explosion in July 1945. To confirm the idea of exotic aircraft recovery before the incident of Los Angeles, we had to wait for General Marshall's memo sent on March 5, 1942. Referring to his first memo dated February 26, Marshall wrote that he had learned that the U.S. Navy had recovered an unknown aircraft off the coast of California and that:

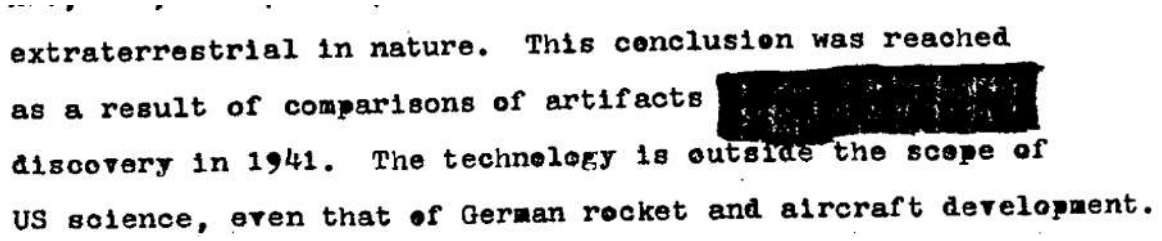
"*Further investigation revealed that the Army Air Corps also recovered a similar object in the San Bernardino Mountains east of Los Angeles which cannot be identified as conventional aircraft*."

From this moment on, Marshall started to doubt that the President knew a lot more on the subject than it appeared; this being also true for Donovan, Stimson and Dr. Bush. President Roosevelt had mentioned them as already being part of the "inner circle" having high security clearance regarding extraterrestrial reality. Another allusion to the crash of 1941 can be seen in a document classified MAJIC* dated September 1947.

*MAJIC: (Military Assessment of the Joint Intelligence Committee) at the time classified two points higher than top-secret and controlled by an

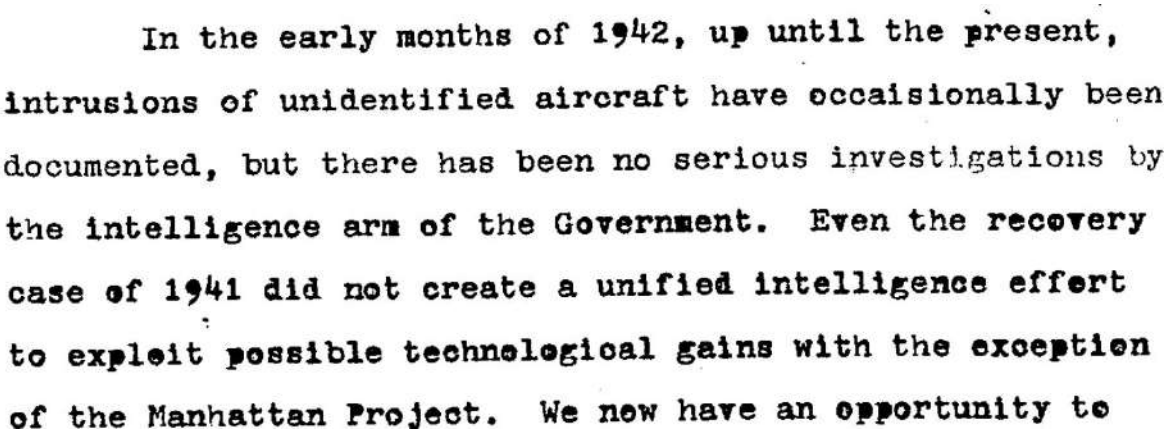
elite group of individuals called MJ-12.

Written by General Marshall's Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit, the document explains the origin of a newly recovered aircraft in New Mexico said to be: [44]



extraterrestrial in nature. This conclusion was reached as a result of comparisons of artifacts [redacted] discovery in 1941. The technology is outside the scope of US science, even that of German rocket and aircraft development.

Further in this same document, the events of 1942 and 1941 are referred to separately: [45]



In the early months of 1942, up until the present, intrusions of unidentified aircraft have occaisionally been documented, but there has been no serious investigations by the intelligence arm of the Government. Even the recovery case of 1941 did not create a unified intelligence effort to exploit possible technological gains with the exception of the Manhattan Project. We now have an opportunity to

It is explicitly mentioned in this document that the Manhattan Project development came in part from the recovery of a UFO captured in 1941. Was that a coincidence? In May 1941, Dr. Vannevar Bush proposed to President Roosevelt a new organization to replace the NDRC, the Office of Scientific Research and Development. This new R&D structure was essential for the efficient coordination of technological and strategic development of military weapons, whether it be Air Force, Army or Navy. Centralizing the overall U.S. government resources under one entity gave the advantage of dividing tasks so that different groups worked on multiple projects simultaneously without any overlaps, or on one highly classified project that needed to be divided into compartments.[46] As most military research and development technologies are classified, a team might work on a secret project at the same time as another team

and not be aware of it. This was a very common situation in classified R&D world, and this was a waste of time and money. Here is what Irvin Stewart, Deputy Director of OSRD, said on the necessity of compartmentalization:

"*Compartmentalization of information had as its purpose the restriction of the amount of damage which could be caused if any individual became indiscreet. In view of the fact that there were apparently no serious indiscretions of NDRC or OSRD personnel resulting in the unauthorized disclosure of information, it appears in retrospect that compartmentalization of information to the extent practiced was not in fact needed. It is highly probable, however, that the existence of compartmentalization made the armed services more willing to entrust their classified information to the NDRC during the early period when the ability of the organization to keep secrets had not yet been demonstrated*."[47]

The establishment of this new R&D entity would facilitate coordination between the different branches of the U.S. government in the construction of highly classified military technologies and they had almost unlimited funds. The OSRD, contrary to its forerunner the NDRC, was free to do scientific research with military applications, but could also concentrate on development with enough resources to achieve promising projects.[48] On June 28, 1941, President Roosevelt officially ratified the OSRD and named Bush as its Director; the President was his only immediate superior.[49] This decision was not accepted unanimously by members of the U.S. government since they believed such a structure gave too much power to only one man. On that point, they were right…

Under Dr. Vannevar Bush, no fewer than 6000 scientists of all scientific fields were united: from physiologists to astrophysicists and including nuclear physicists. Some of them were renowned top scientists like: Edward Teller, Robert Oppenheimer and even Albert Einstein. With these outstanding individuals and almost unlimited funds, above expectations results were soon obtained. The OSRD was divided in many compartmented sections with each one being directed by one person, all of them answering only to one man: Dr. Vannevar Bush. This compartmentalized structure allowed him to develop, among other things

and in total secrecy, the first atomic bomb. Code name: *Manhattan Project*.

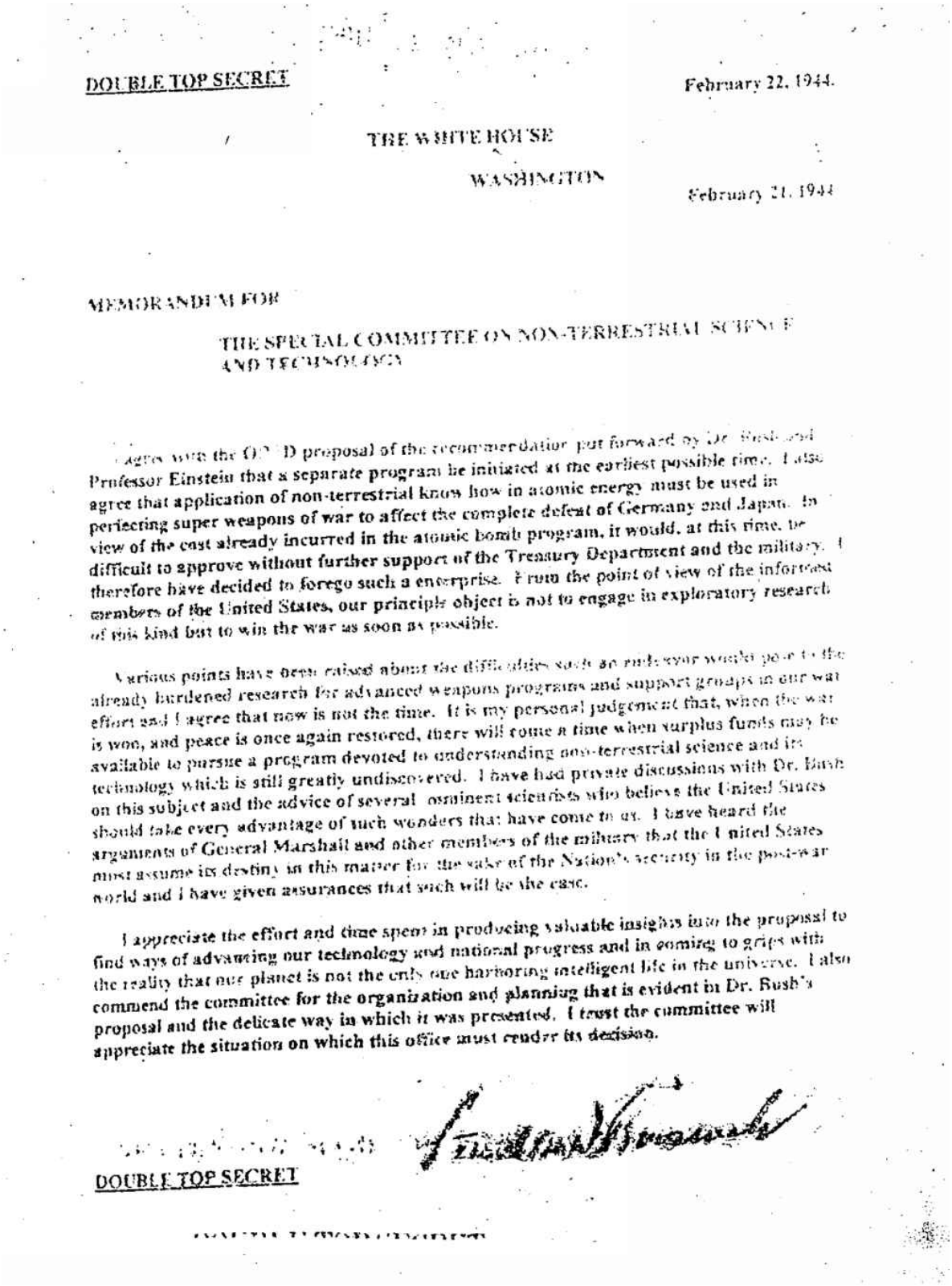
Meanwhile, other research groups of the OSRD were quickly developing radar and sonar technologies that proved very useful in detecting conventional aircraft and ships. Many other theoretical science fields were also studied namely, geomagnetism and electromagnetic waves.[50] Here ends the list of technologies developed by this group known to the population today; some above top-secret research units, like the Special Committee on Non-terrestrial Science and Technology worked without anyone's knowledge on reverse engineering alien technologies that would soon lead to a secret space program. Things that are nowadays still being kept hidden in the clandestine realm…

But before reaching the stars, Bush and his special committee had to give the President the ultimate weapon that would end the war. Here is an excerpt of the President's letter, dated 1944, which is an answer to a request from Dr. Bush about a proposal of a new reverse engineering R&D project based on alien technology (figure 4):

"*I agree with the OSRD proposal of the recommendation put forward by Dr. Bush and Professor Einstein that a separate program be initiated at the earliest possible time. I also agree that application of non-terrestrial know how in atomic energy must be used in perfecting super weapons of war to affect the complete defeat of Germany and Japan. In view of the cost already incurred in the atomic bomb program, it would, at this time, be difficult to approve without further support of the Treasury Department and the military. I therefore have decided to forego such a* [*sic*] *enterprise. From the point of view of the informed members of the United States, our principal object is not to engage in exploratory research of this kind but to win the war as soon as possible*."

The Special Committee on Non-Terrestrial Science and Technology had to wait until the end of the war and the arrival of a new president before obtaining the necessary budgets to begin their R&D projects. Meanwhile, those spaceships from another world were detained in the army's secret facilities. If during the war, the U.S. government had decided to wait to exploit the potential of these exotic technologies,

exception made of the atomic program, Nazi Germany seemed to see things differently.



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February 22, 1944.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 21, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NON-TERRESTRIAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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Various points have been raised about the difficulties such an endeavor would pose to the already burdened research for advanced weapons programs and support groups in our war effort and I agree that now is not the time. It is my personal judgement that, when the war is won, and peace is once again restored, there will come a time when surplus funds may be available to pursue a program devoted to understanding non-terrestrial science and its technology which is still greatly undiscovered. I have had private discussions with Dr. Bush on this subject and the advice of several eminent scientists who believe the United States should take every advantage of such wonders that have come to us. I have heard the arguments of General Marshall and other members of the military that the United States must assume its destiny in this matter for the sake of the Nation's security in the post-war world and I have given assurances that such will be the case.

I appreciate the effort and time spent in producing valuable insights into the proposal to find ways of advancing our technology and national progress and in coming to grips with the reality that our planet is not the only one harboring intelligent life in the universe. I also commend the committee for the organization and planning that is evident in Dr. Bush's proposal and the delicate way in which it was presented. I trust the committee will appreciate the situation on which this office must render its decision.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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Figure 4. President Roosevelt's memorandum to the SCNTST.

The Peenemünde Bombing

At the beginning of the WWII, a thorough study by the Allies' intelligence indicated the Germans had captured two unidentified flying objects in the early thirties. From this time, the German scientists' efforts were mainly directed at the study of the recovered alien craft and reverse engineer some of their technology toward the development of new weapons of war. What follows is an excerpt of an account from people in the know that substantiates this story: "*Germany recovered two UFOs before—it was 1931, 1932—and they took them to Germany and started —like we do now—re-engineering. They got ahead, and even before the war started, they had a workable UFO*."[51]

If this information was true, the Allies had to act fast before the Nazis develop this exotic technology and take control of the sky and win the war. Since the Nazis were more than ten years ahead in the research and development of this technology race, it was unthinkable, even with the best scientists in the world to beat them. The question was: What could be done to counteract the military technological advance of the Axis powers? This information was quickly communicated to the concerned authorities, who met in order to find a solution to this serious problem. Faced with this important situation, it was imperative to find the location where these R&D facilities were located in order to destroy them as soon as possible. In August 1943, England identified a potential site from aerial photography. It was Peenemünde, a low populated port area in Northwest Germany bordering the Baltic Sea.[52] The Royal Air Force organized a surprise attack on the night of August 18, 1943 and bombed the site nonstop during Operation Hydra.[53] The historical documents reporting this attack, confirms the importance of the destruction of the Peenemünde site. The British high-ranking officers did not divulge any details to those responsible for the attack, they only explained that if the target was not destroyed: "…*promises to improve greatly the German night air defence organization*."[54] In order to emphasize the importance of the destruction of this strategic site, the Order 176 of Operation Hydra stated: "*If the attack fails...it will be repeated the next night and on ensuing nights regardless, within practicable limits, of casualties*."[55]

During that one and only night, no fewer than 1900 tons of bombs were dropped from 598 bombers. The attack reached its objective on the first night, killing many V-weapon scientists (over 600 dead),[56] but with considerable loss to the Royal Air Force: 40 bombers and 215 crew members.[57] Despite their great human loss, the Germans were able to move what was left of the research and development complex to the south. The V-weapon project was then sent to two different locations. The first was set up in Thuringia only 10 days after the Peenemünde bombing. The Nazis started reorganizing this new site near Nordhausen, [58] where the V-1 and V-2 ballistic missiles were produced. A contract was granted to a German firm on October 19, 1943, for the construction of 12,000 V-2 missiles which were launched mainly on England from September 1944 to March 1945 in direct retaliation against the Allied bombings.[60]

Even though both weapons were very destructive, the V-1 missiles and the V-2 rockets used very different technologies in their conception. While V-1 technology is comparable to actual cruise missiles with wings and an almost horizontal trajectory, the V-2 has the characteristics of a rocket. Its hyperbolic trajectory before touching the target allowed this war weapon to establish an altitude record in 1944 when it reached 96 km.[61] It is from this modified technology that the Russians and the Americans began the Space Race right after the war with the help of Nazi scientists they took great care to expatriate outside Germany towards secret military bases: "*Even though the public has been conditioned for more than sixty years to dismiss any notion of flying saucers, or UFOs, the accumulation of evidence available today makes it impossible to reject the reality of such craft out of hand. Obviously, the Nazis were experimenting with new and exotic energy technology. The extraordinary development of the Feuerball may have provided the first public glimpse into the heart of Nazi super-science*."[62]

In order to counteract incessant bombings from the Allies and to save time in the construction of their new aerial prototypes, the Nazi scientists conceived a device that would interfere with the functioning of enemy planes flying over German territory. Starting in November 1944, many Allied fighter pilots, lucky enough to return alive, said they had met flying spheres capable of shutting down their engines. These unknown flying

devices capable of interfering with their fighter planes were soon named Foo Fighters* by the Allies.[63]

"*Now the thing was, it could fly through our formations and kill the engines in our bombers and fighters*…"[64]

The most sensitive information in times of war is the one that reveals your weaknesses to your enemies. The existence of the Foo Fighters had to remain secret until the technology was understood, and it could be controlled and/or destroyed. More efforts had to be deployed to find information to avoid any surprises from Nazi war toys. According to information later obtained by the military intelligence, it seemed that at the peak of the war the Nazis had a wide variety of exotic weapons in development:

"…*electronic devices designed to stop ignition-based engines, magnetically repulsed projectiles and long-range X-ray "death rays" were all under development as the conflict ended. Among these exotic solutions were saucer-shaped interceptor aircraft.* (…) *German skies were full of these and other exotic aircraft*…"[65]

On top of *Feuerballs* and V-2 rockets, the Führer had set up a special weapons development unit from which he intended to win the war and spread his supremacy over the whole world:

"*At the end of the war in 1945, American military intelligence officers were shocked by the technology they found as allied forces overran German research facilities. Supersonic rockets, nerve gas, jet aircraft, guided missiles, stealth technology, hardened armor - even flying saucers - were just some of the groundbreaking technologies being developed in Nazi laboratories, workshops, and factories.*"[66]

*The term Foo Fighters came from an English translation used by American pilots of the French word ''feu'' meaning fire, because the objects looked like fire balls.

Following Operation Hydra, another part of the Peenemünde complex working on Hitler's "secret weapon" was moved to Silesia; a region now part of Southwestern Poland, but then occupied by the Germans. In an interesting letter that I found in the Canadian government archives; a former German aeronautical engineer tells a story referring to WWII. The two-page letter written in German is dated September 16, 1952 and was sent to the Royal Canadian Air Force. The account of the former German engineer appears to confirm all of the above information concerning Hitler's secret military facilities to develop special weapons:

"*In 1944 I and a group of scientists and technicians worked on a flying vessel that resembled the "flying saucers". In order to be safe from aerial attacks and to be able to work undisturbed our group was transferred to Silesia. Our experiments were made with models, but they had to be conducted with the utmost haste, because this was "Hitler's secret weapon" according to the instructions of REICHSMARSHAL GORING. We were under his direct command and our work separated us from the outside world. Even the letters to my wife had to be mailed to Berlin where they were censored."*[67]

Before reading that translated letter, I was not aware of a secret Nazi facility hidden in the Silesian Mountains. I suppose that is normal when you consider that this place was supposed to be one of the most secret installations of the Third Reich. However, 70 years later aren't we supposed to know a little bit more about the secret history of the Second World War? This little piece of information put me on a new lead that I decided to follow to uncover what I considered to be a very fascinating clue. I decided to dig deeper into that former military secret that was the Silesian Hitler complex. What I found was worth the effort…

The Project Reise and Hitler's Secret Weapon

Everybody now knows that Hitler planned things on a big scale. He had planned to make Berlin the center of military operations of the future Germania, from which he would spread his domination over Europe. His high ambitions were quickly noticed and approved by influential and powerful people. In 1933, these people placed Hitler in charge of Germany as Chancelor.[68]

As a start, he announced the coming of the Third Reich and then approached some top personalities in the field of engineering who seemed to share his vision of a new Germany; among them was Fritz Todt, a German engineer who would soon be nominated by the Führer as General Inspector for the entire road network. Todt's first project was the construction of a road network of more than 3000 kilometers (the Autobahn), which would become a great symbol of pride for the Nazis.[69] Todt rose quickly within the Nazi organization (he answered only to Hitler himself) and in 1938 he founded an organization regrouping many military and civilian engineering firms, which formed the backbone of the Nazi military-industrial complex called Organization Todt.[70]

Albert Speer, the first architect of the Third Reich, submitted different development plans for Germania and nearby large cities based on the Führer's visions of his new Germany.[71] As early as 1938, Speer used the technical means available at the time (which are still surprising today) to produce a series of plans and models representing Hitler's fantasies.

But Speer was not the only one to foresee futuristic infrastructure for the rising Third Reich. In 1938, Hermann Kemper, a German engineer, patented a high-speed underground train that could carry people and reach speed up to 1000 km/h. The next two figures (5 and 6) are sketches from that era which depict these projected underground shuttles. They were supposed to use magnetic suspension (maglev) into a vacuum tunnel. This surprising technology was intended to make the shuttles levitate from the ground and move forward without any air friction. All this in 1938… Even though these sketches are not proof of

the technological progress of the Germans, I do not imagine an engineer submitting plans to the Führer that could only be realized in fifty years. No kidding! That said, I assume that it is highly probable that the Nazis did at least start to construct some secret underground facilities and that the Allies that discovered them after the War decided to hide these concepts and ideas in order to reproduce them at home.

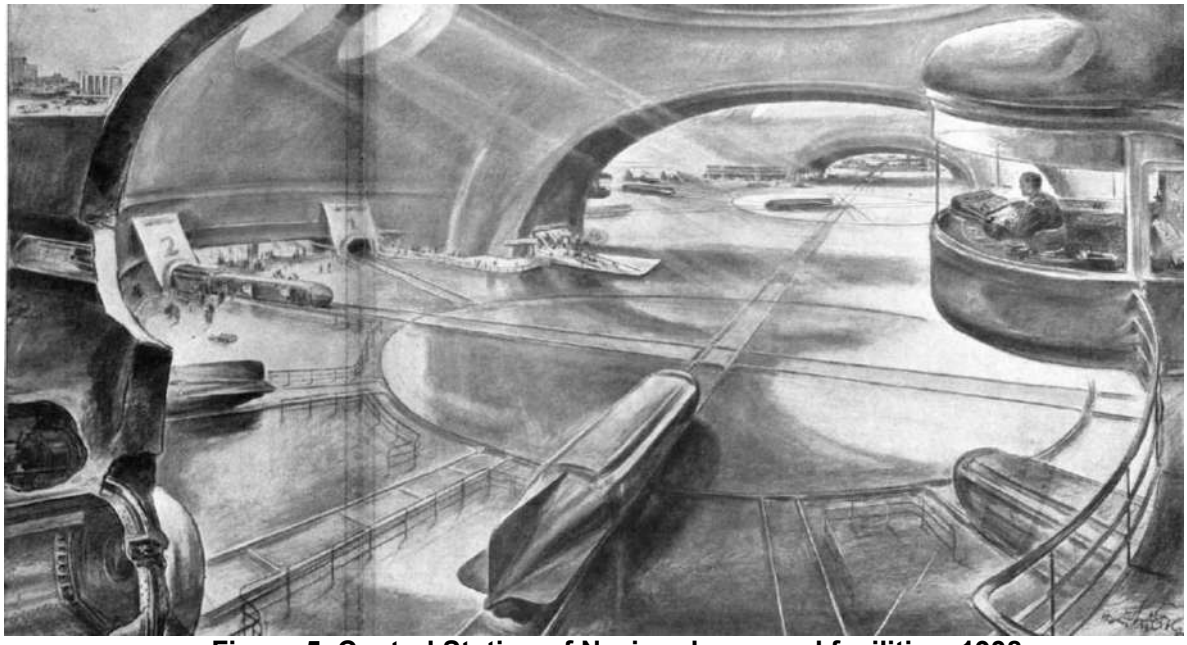

Figure 5. Central Station of Nazi underground facilities, 1938.
Image source: R. Sauder, Hidden in Plain Sight, 2010, p. 97.

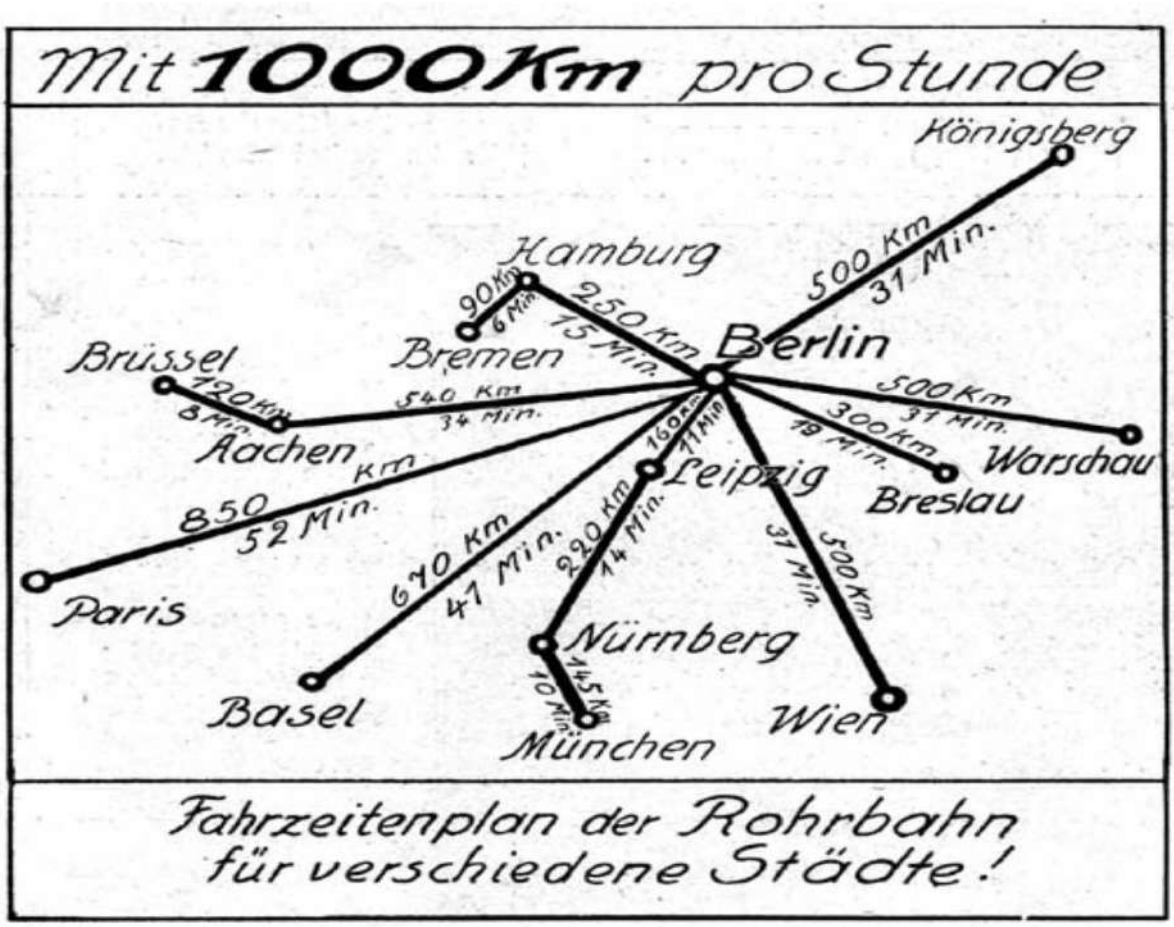

Figure 6. Tunnel network for MagLev and travel times, 1938.
Image source: R. Sauder, Hidden in Plain Sight, 2010, p. 98.

In 1939, at the very beginning of the world conflict, the overall German resources were essentially put towards the war effort and the engineer Fritz Todt rapidly adapted himself to these changes. Organization Todt became, throughout the entire Second World War, an essential tool to the overall construction of the Third Reich's infrastructure. His exemplary efficiency during the beginning of the war granted Todt with multiple responsibilities and in 1940 he was nominated Reich Minister for Armaments and Munitions[72], a task he dutifully conducted until his death in a plane crash in 1942.

Todt was immediately replaced by the architect Albert Speer, Hitler's other protégé, to whom he gave all of Todt's powers and control over his organization.[73] Up until the end of the war, Speer accomplished many great projects, notably in engineering and weaponry development, which allowed him to rise to the second rank of the Nazi Empire. By late 1943,

Speer was so efficient in his work that the Nazi elite saw him as a potential successor of the Führer.[74]

Figure 7. Adolf Hitler and Albert Speer (second from the left) inspecting a model of the future Germania. Photography: Hulton Archive/Getty Images.

Confronted by the growing threat of the Allies and following the latest bombings of the British, Hitler started suspecting the vulnerability of the territory surrounding Berlin, then the center of the Third Reich's military operations. The Führer's suspicions were justified: In November 1943, Berlin was effectively bombed as well as many nearby cities.[75] Because of that probable threat, a site faraway from possible enemy attacks yet close to an industrial center large enough to supply energy and necessary resources to accomplish his many large-scale projects, had to be found.

For more protection, it was imperative that the future installations be underground and linked to one another by a network of tunnels. With all these requirements, the engineers concluded that the mega complex should be built inside a mountain, ideally in a region where mines already existed in order to accelerate the digging process, since all had to be done as quickly as possible. The Gory Sowie Mountain, amidst the

chain of the Sudetes in Lower Silesia was chosen because it had all of these necessary requirements.

The name Project Reise was given to the new complex since it was the name of a nearby mountain, and it also meant “giant” in German. The abundance of iron and coal mines had made the region prosper in many industrial sectors that were able to partially meet the needs in labor and provide enough raw materials and energy.[76] The area also had a huge castle (Ksiaz Castle, near Waldenburg) dating from the 13th century from which they could dig an underground bunker that would make the ideal fortified structure. The Ksiaz Castle would be used as headquarters for the Führer, the SS leaders, the superior commanding officers of the air force (Luftwaffe), the army and the Minister of Foreign Affairs.[77] A strategic hideout from which operations could be coordinated without being bothered by enemy attacks.

In fall 1943, Project Reise became Hitler’s priority and for this reason the majority of financial and human resources were dedicated to it. A contract was given to the Silesian Industrial Corporation for the entire construction of the mega complex infrastructure.[78] The project was divided into seven installations spread over 200 square kilometers.[79] The plans included the creation of a living space underneath the Ksiaz Castle, dynamite digging of the other parts of the complex, piercing of the tunnels connecting the different caves and walls filled with reinforced concrete.[80] Sewer conducts and electric wires had to be planned, and drinking water had to be supplied all within the existing underground train network.

Work cut out for titans! Many specialists in mining from Germany, Ukraine, Italy and Czechoslovakia were employed, but the majority of the work was done by prisoners of war. Four prisoner camps were built near the facility under construction.[81] In April 1944, faced with the slow progress of the work (Hitler being impatient by nature…) the Führer ended the contract with the Silesian Industrial Corporation and gave Organization Todt, then chaired by Albert Speer, the mandate to complete the project. Faced with such a task, Speer moved a great number of prisoners detained in other camps in the North and deployed

them among thirteen forced labor camps around the site.[82] According to Albert Speer himself, the architect responsible for the project:

"*And in 1944 he had two underground headquarters blasted into mountains in Silesia and Thuringia, the project tying up hundreds of indispensable mining specialists and thousands of workmen.* (…) *According to Point 18 of the Führerprotokoll, June 20, 1944, I reported to the Fuehrer that "at the moment a 28 000 workers are building additions to the Fuehrer's headquarters."* (…) *The "Giant" complex alone consumed more concrete than the entire population had at its disposal for air-raid shelters in 1944.*"[83]

At the time, the construction of this megalomaniac facility was a nightmare for the thousands of workers who were dying of exhaustion as well as for the Nazi leaders who were trying to secure their position around Berlin:

"*The plans that we kept criticizing in those months* [early 1944] *included the construction of a huge new Headquarters for the Führer in Silesia, near Waldenburg* [today's Wałbrzych, near where the facilities were located], *which was also to include Fürstenstein Castle* [today's Książ Castle] *within the estate of the von Pless princes. Hitler defended his orders and commanded that construction continue with the use of concentration camp prisoners managed by Speer.*

During the year, I visited this facility twice and each time had the strong impression that I wouldn't see its completion. I tried to inspire Speer to somehow influence Hitler to give the order that the project be stopped. Speer said that was impossible. The extravagant work continued at a time when every ton of concrete and steel was so urgently needed elsewhere."[84]

In spite of the imposing quantity of resources needed for the task and all the energy deployed to realize the Complex Reise, it seems that the Allies found out about those installations only once the war was over. It gave the SS the chance to execute Hitler's orders in case of any Allied invasion near the top-secret installations. Apparently, near the end of the war, due to the Allied advance in German territory, Hitler ordered the

destruction of everything related to developments of secret technologies, including documents, plans, pieces of equipment and even workers… Hitler's precautions were equal to his paranoia and the scope of his unfinished project equal to his enormous ego:

"…*there have also been rumours about mass executions of "AL Riese" inmates during the last few weeks of the war as well as about the dismantlement of machinery and facilities within "Komplex Riese"; both kinds of activities were allegedly hushed up by the Germans. According to one of these hypotheses, the SS murdered about 20,000 prisoners and buried them in a mass grave that has not been discovered until today*."[85]

The Ksiaz Castle as well as accessible sections of the Complex Reise are now part of Poland's tourist attractions. However, according to a visitor's brochure prepared in 2007, the reasons regarding the construction of such a site by the Nazis remain a mystery.[86] On the other hand, several leads that could serve as a hypothesis are suggested, but one in particular draw attention:

"*The question of the actual purpose of "Komplex Riese" is of great interest to many researchers and a large number of sensation seekers. It has been the main source of controversy about "Komplex Riese" and leaves room for many theories* (…) *a) Work on a "wonder weapon": Many theories fall into this category.* (…) *Another theory speaks of a secret research centre near Waldenburg. According to this idea, a new fighter plane was being tested there. Allegedly, this project was known under the code name V-7*."[87]

One of the main reasons for such mystery is the fact that after the victory of the Allies in 1945, very few villagers surrounding the complex remained in the region. The area conquered by the Germans in 1939 had been colonized by German immigrants who were chased or killed after the war. Therefore, very few direct witnesses of the activities surrounding the giant complex remained.[88] In early May 1945, a unit of the Polish Army arrested some SS who were then thoroughly interrogated. They admitted being security guards for a three-vehicle convoy they had to abandon along the way to an escape route. The

vehicles were found by the Polish soldiers, exactly where the SS prisoners indicated they would be, and inside them they found maps and plans of underground facilities located in Lower Silesia. The documents contained the entire plans of Complex Reise.[89] The documents were immediately sent to the army Headquarters in Wroclaw, Poland to be studied by Polish and Russian intelligence. Polish authorities kept the information under secret seal.[90]

Apparently, sometime after the war, a restrained group of German veteran SS as well as members of the Nazi secret services stayed in the area for a while to eliminate all pieces of information concerning the operation of the complex and any secrets linked to it. The goal was to prevent the enemy from getting ahold of the latest technological developments obtained by the defunct Third Reich. Activities attributed to them are:

"…*the disappearance and unsolved murders of people who had information on "Riese" they wanted to deliver to the new authorities,*"[91]

That, and several night explosions in the mountains, were suspected to eliminate the existence of secrets vaults.[92] A few months after these mysterious events, with the concerted efforts of the Ministry of Public Security of Poland, the Citizens' Militia and the Polish Army, the majority of the Nazi group was found and arrested.[93] In 1947, an expedition organized by the Polish secret services was sent to the mega complex installations where other documents were found but whose existence was never revealed to the public. When in 1964 the Main Commission for Investigating Nazi Crimes in Poland asked for access to documents discovered in 1945 and 1947, the secret services answered: "What documents?" [94]

"*Armaments Minister Speer conceded that there were weapons development programs that he knew nothing about. He admitted that a SS scheme in 1944 to construct a secret weapons plant requiring 3,500 concentration camp workers had been concealed from him. Speer even hinted at the possibility of secret weapons that* « *were secretly produced by the SS toward the end of the war and concealed from me*."[95]

Even though most of the information available regarding the construction of Complex Reise comes from Albert Speer, he admitted

knowing very little about the classified technologies that could have been developed there. While he was interrogated on the subject by the Allies after his capture, Speer declared that only General Hans Kammler was aware of the special weapon projects.[96] Near the end of 1944, General Kammler, with the help of his SS units, took charge of special weapons development. Kammler quickly became the guardian of the Third Reich's most advanced technologies, and before the end of the war, he had control over the special weapons research project.[97] General Kammler was, near the end of the war, the leader of the entire special weapons development projects. Rumors surrounding his mysterious disappearance led some to believe that Kammler was captured by the Allies during a secret operation aimed at taking the people responsible for exotic technologies as the war ended.[98]

Figure 8. On the left *SS-Gruppenführer* Hans Kammler.

Other sources, however, relate that Kammler, aware of the value of the information he had and knowing the Allies were tightening the noose around Nazi Germany, had made a secret pact with the Americans to save his life:

"*As the war drew to a close, Kammler made no secret that he intended to use both the V-2 scientists and rockets under his control as leverage for a deal with the Allies. On April 2, 1945, on Kammler's orders, a special train carried rockets and five hundred technicians and*

engineers escorted by a hundred SS troopers to an Alpine redoubt in Bavaria. According to von Braun and Dornberger, Kammler planned to '*...bargain with the Americans or one of the other Allies for his own life in exchange for the leading German rocket specialists.*'

[Kammler] came to me in early April in order to say goodbye,' recalled Nazi armaments minister Speer. '*For the first time in our four-year association, Kammler did not display his usual dash. On the contrary, he seemed insecure and slippery with his vague, obscure hints about why I should transfer to Munich with him. He said efforts were being made in the SS to get rid of the Fuehrer. He himself, however, was planning to contact the Americans. In exchange for their guaranty of freedom, he would offer them the entire technology of our jet planes, as well as the A-4 rocket and other important developments...'* "[99]

Even if Kammler's case still figures among the many myths surrounding the secrets of the Second World War, it is clear that the U.S. authorities effectively made pacts with Nazis near the end of the war in order to capture Nazi scientists and their technologies. As the secret installations were discovered with some of their advanced technologies inside, the Allies worried about the possibility that Germany could rise from its ashes and start over.

At all costs, they had to make sure Germans did not have anything left to enable them to rebuild an empire capable of obtaining supremacy over the world because of super technology they would have kept. In a correspondence dated 1945 between two American generals, we can see the urgency to act in relation to German scientists and their technologies:

"*Occupation of German scientific and industrial establishments has revealed the fact that we have been alarmingly backward in many fields of research. If we do not take this opportunity to seize the apparatus and the brains that developed it and put the combination back to work promptly, we will remain several years behind while we attempt to cover a field already exploited*."[100]

At the end of the war, the Allies were busy gathering as much material as possible on the new technologies developed by the Nazis in order to benefit from them. It was a kind of secret war booty that could greatly accelerate the development of technologies in this particular domain. Even though they recovered a few plans and some material, they had no value as long as they did not have anyone to interpret them. Since both Russian and American scientists had a considerable gap in knowledge on flying saucers technology, they had no other choice but to expatriate former Nazi scientists to help them catch up on this matter.

On the American side this operation was called: Project Paperclip. As time went by, the expatriation of Nazi scientists to the Soviet Union and the United States became so common that a joke started to circulate among the circle: “Our German scientists are better than your German scientists…”

CHAPTER II
NEW MEXICO, THE LAND OF MILITARY SECRETS

In New Mexico, vast territories are uninhabited due to desert conditions. During the Second World War, the U.S. Army chose this hostile environment to implant many military installations, among which, missile test sites and high security air force bases. Within those bases, certain restricted areas were accessible only to a restrained number of individuals; these people whose security clearance was above top secret used to work on highly sensitive projects without being bothered by anyone. Since the beginning of WWII, the R&D budgets for military weapons have increased exponentially.

Even today, the public is far from aware of all of the technologies that were developed inside those top-secret installations; hidden technologies that were in fact financed by public money. As “investors”, isn’t it in our own right to know a little bit more about some of these technologies that can bring our civilization to the stars? There are many testimonies that come from insiders who used to work on these black projects. Even if sometimes their stories seem to be taken out of the latest sci-fi movies, they, however, confirm that there is something going on behind the closed doors of the military-industrial secrecy. In the mid-nineties a geologist and engineer named Phil Schneider appeared out of the blue and began to talk about black projects and highly secretive deep underground military bases. Here is an excerpt of a conference where he gave information about what he knew on that topic before he died:

“*I’m Phil Schneider, I spent 17 years in black budget programs as government geologist, as an engineer, structural engineer with aerospace applications. (…) Up here I have different artifacts… Some are made of alien metals; they have been produced both on this planet and in the confines of outer space; they are now used in all stealth aircraft. All stealth aircraft for instance; the black jets and what you are seeing as black helicopters in the light… the skins and the coatings and the residues that are used in the aircraft themselves, in the airframes, in the rollerblades in the fans and in some cases in submarines. Special*

titanium hulls…the Phoenix class submarines… All of this comes from alien technology."[1]

Many other testimonies exist which point out that a great deal of the technologies developed by the U.S. military after the Second World War came from reverse engineering of extraterrestrial spacecraft recovered by the army. Many documents confirming these testimonies also exist, in which we also learn that near the end of the 1940s unidentified aircraft flew over sensitive military installations in New Mexico. These unidentified crafts are the result of the research done by the military on recovered alien crafts. They also allowed the great military-scientific progress of the past six decades, but little is yet known about them, apart scarce bits that were leaked through whistleblowers' accounts. In the summer of 1947, it appears that the New Mexico area was host to events linked to unknown aircraft responsible for having mobilized a great part of the military resources. The scope of these events increased rapidly and placed the overall military and political organizations of the United States under alert.

This emergency led to the National Security Act of 1947 that took effect on the 18th of September of that same year. By promoting this Act, a total change within the military and intelligence structure was implemented, whose primary goal was to oversee and control the emerging UFO situation; this being done in part legally but with a hidden side that was never shared with the public. History teaches us that it was the threat of the growing communism that was the reason for these big changes among the U.S. government apparatus, but when we look deeper, the Cold War reason seems to be just another front story.

The National Security Act of 1947 was sworn in great secrecy on July 26th aboard Air Force One, the Presidential aircraft. That is when the National Security Council was created, as well as the CIA and the National Military Establishment (that became the Department of Defense in 1949). The Roswell crash figures among the triggering events of these new National Security arms of the U.S. government and the people involved in them acted as if they faced an impending situation of doom. The following top-secret document: *Directive to Lieutenant General*

Twining (figure 9),[2] gives an overview of the general situation that led to these changes.

This request approved by the Chief of Staff of the Army, then General Dwight D. Eisenhower, underlines the implication of many military and scientific groups in the recovery and storage of wreckage from alien craft in the New Mexico area. We can also detect a certain feeling of crisis in this document; the kind that will lead to a new and powerful centralized intelligence structure. That document dated July 8, 1947, is ulterior to Twining's supposed arrival in New Mexico. That informs us that Lieutenant-General Twining had been previously briefed and that this letter was only to make the request official. It seems that once on site, Lieutenant General Twining was not the only one investigating.

Let's not forget that at the time there existed a competition between the Navy, the Army and the Air Corps on UFO intelligence. It was normal for intelligence members of each military arm to investigate on the activities of the others. From a military point of view, the more you know the more power you have; in the intelligence realm what you know is what really matters. This situation caused headaches to the Chiefs of Staff as well as to President Truman who wanted to have absolute control on UFO intelligence while maintaining total secrecy.

It is important to note that the following document was simply written to demonstrate to the units visited by the Lieutenant General that he had complete authority to inspect their facilities and the recovered artifacts. To confirm that Lieutenant General Twining has effectively visited the different installations as described in the concerned document we only have to search among other reports from units that were also there that same week. It appears that the Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit created in 1942 by General Marshall was sent on site to investigate the events for the Army. This information was provided by Thomas Cantwheel, an alleged former IPU member who was apparently present during the investigation of two of the crashes that occurred in New Mexico in July 1947.[3]

To support his claim, Cantwheel was able to illegally retrieve many sensitive documents, among which a seven-page summary report of the

preliminary investigation of the Roswell events of July 1947 written by the Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit. The following part of this report relating the visit of Lieutenant General Twining speaks for itself: "*On 7 July, Lt. General Nathan Twining arrived at Alamogordo AAF for a secret meeting with AAF Chief of Staff Spaatz and to view recovered remains of craft from LZ-2. On 8 July, Twining visited Kirtland AAF to inspect parts recovered from a power plant. On 9 July, Twining and staff flew to WSPG to inspect pieces of craft being stored there and on 10 July, made inspection of R&D facilities at Alamogordo and then returned to Wright Field. It is believed that Twining and staff is preparing a detailed report of both incidents and briefings later to follow*."[4]

As told by the IPU, on September 19, 1947, Twining submitted the *Project White Hot Intelligence Estimate* to the higher instances of the U.S. government. This substantial nineteen-page report detailing the Roswell events included multiple recommendations concerning future political decisions that would need to be made later. That was the goal of Twining's mission to New Mexico as demanded in the document: *Directive to Lieutenant General Twining* (figure 9).

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DIRECTIVE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL TWINING

You will proceed to the White Sands Proving Ground Command Center without delay for the purpose of making an appraisal of the reported unidentified objects being kept there. Part of your mission there will deal with the military, political and psychological situation, equipment and projects. In the course of your survey you will maintain liaison with the military officials in the area.

In making your appraisal it is desired that you proceed without [illegible] opinions or opinions expressed by personnel involved which do not conform to sound reasoning with regard to the possible outcome. In presenting the findings of your mission you should endeavor to state as concisely as possible your estimate of the character, extent, and probable consequences in the event that assistance is not given.

When your mission in New Mexico is completed you will proceed on a brief trip to the Sandia AEC facility to make an appraisal of the situation there, also of the reaction by the Los Alamos people involved. Before going to White Sands you will communicate with General Eisenhower to ascertain whether he desires you to proceed via Kirtland AAF.

You will take with you such experts, technicians, scientists and assistants as you deem necessary to the effectiveness of your mission.

Approved: Dwight D. Eisenhower

Date: 4 July 1947

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1/Cy Director, Armed Forces Special Weapons Project

Figure 9. Directive to Lieutenant General Twining, July 1947.

Kirtland Air Force Base

Kirtland Air Force base is located Southeast of Albuquerque, between the Sandia and Manzano Mountains (center of New Mexico). The construction of this base was completed in 1941 when the government bought over than 2000 acres of land as well as the overall civilian airport installations. The military then took great care of prohibiting public access. The Army's first wartime advanced flying school was established there just a week after the attack on Pearl Harbor.[5] In February 1945, Kirtland Air Force Base was responsible for training the crew of the B-29 that would drop the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki six months later.[6] In February 1946, Kirtland Air Force Base was placed under the Air Materiel Command (AMC) headed by Lieutenant General Twining.

From there, a series of flight tests commenced, among them some with nuclear capacity. Kirtland AFB's new role was to modify airplanes so they could launch nuclear bombs effectively and strategically. The Manhattan Engineering District, which was then attached to this base, was tasked with identifying ballistic characteristics of atomic weapons and other weapons of the future; the kinds of weapons that would be used in a future secret space program.

Kirtland was chosen as the center for the development of the United States nuclear arsenal because of its proximity to the Los Alamos and Sandia laboratories. The same research laboratories that were at the origin of the first atomic bomb and where Dr. Robert Oppenheimer and his team worked under the Manhattan Project. The Armed Forces Special Weapons Project (AFSWP) was set up after the war to continue the work done by the Manhattan Project's personnel and to keep the pace on nuclear weapon development. Its purpose was then to do maintenance, storage, surveillance, security and handling of the U.S. nuclear arsenal, as well as supporting nuclear tests. By the end of the forties, due to tensions caused by the Cold War, development of nuclear weapons took first place in the army's priorities. Kirtland Air Force Base became the main center for development of nuclear weapons of a special type.

During the eighties, the Air Force Space Technology Center took over the operations of the site. The center was now oriented towards the development of space military technologies related to propulsion, ammunition and geophysics.[7] Just like the neighboring bases, it appears that Kirtland AFB and Los Alamos took advantage of the alien technologies recovered from crashed UFOs. The reorientation of nuclear air weapons development activities towards military aerospace technologies during the eighties is in itself a good indicator.[8] During the beginning of the Star Wars program in 1983 (under Reagan's administration), the Kirtland laboratories greatly contributed to the elaboration of laser weapons that could be used in space.[9] The implication of the members of this base and the surrounding sites can be seen in some documents relating to the Roswell events. In the IPU's report dated July 22, 1947, it is mentioned that Kirtland's radar station had spotted flying objects the day of the crash and that Colonel Hasbrouck of the AFSWP of Sandia was charged with securing the crash site. The report also says that Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer was identified at LZ-2 (crash site #2), as well as the German rocket scientist Werner von Braun, one of the many Paperclip specialists involved in those matters at that time.

The IPU report also says that after having identified the nature of each part of the wreckage, they were sent to different R&D installations in the area according to their specification. Parts of the power plant were sent to Kirtland AAF and Alamogordo AAF. According to that report, the great part of one of the crafts was stored at Los Alamos. Interestingly enough, it is also noted in this report that on July 10th an FBI agent was denied access to the stored craft at Los Alamos.[10] This information is important because in an FBI memorandum dated July 10th (figure 10) there is a hand-written note by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover himself that confirms it.[11] This note stated that the FBI would cooperate with the Army in the sharing of information on flying discs, but only after having total access to recovered discs. Hoover wrote:

"*I would do it but before agreeing to it we must insist upon full access to the discs recovered. For instance, in La case the Army grabbed it* (and) *would not let us have it for cursory examination*."

Did Director Hoover's "*La"* note refer to Los Alamos? Some ufologists say that "*La"* stands for *Los Angeles* where the Army did in fact recover something not earthly after the Battle of L.A. in February 1942. Others think "*La"* refers to the captured UFO of Louisiana. One way or another, it means the FBI knew something was going on within the military intelligence community and that it was UFO related. That said, I personally do not think that it is a coincidence if the date of that memorandum (10th of July) is the same as the day the army denied access the FBI agent according to the IPU. And it was only five days after this event that Hoover replied to the request of the Army Air Corps in his hand-written notes (15th of July). A few days later, another FBI memorandum was transmitted in which was transcribed a conversation between an FBI agent and Brigadier General Schulgen, officer of Army Air Corps Intelligence. Referring to Hoover's note, the FBI agent responsible for the matter assured the Brigadier General that the Bureau Field Offices were already in liaison with the Intelligence Division of the War Department on the subject.[12] Meaning in plain English that:

"We *already know about UFOs so don't try to put us aside…*"

The FBI had security clearance to access sensitive information related to flying discs. That is probably why we can see in that same memorandum that Brigadier General Schulgen finally accepted the request to share information on the topic and wanted to assure Director Hoover of:

"…*complete cooperation in this matter and stated that he would issue instructions to the field directing that all cooperation be furnished to the FBI and that all discs recovered be made available for the examination by the FBI Agents*."

I know the current controversy around the Directive to Lieutenant General Twining letter and the argument saying that it is the emulation of another document. I have read all the pros and cons about that but from my point of view, the only way to determine if these kinds of documents are genuine is to place them in their context and cross reference the information with other documents. By comparing the dates (July 1947),

the event (flying disc recovery) and the unit involved (Army Air Corps) we can surely assume that these three documents: the IPU Report, the FBI memo and the *Directive to Lieutenant General Twining,* are talking about the same events, the same places and about the same people. The correlations of elements coming from the comparison of these three documents are so precise that the only logical explanation is that they are genuine, and so is the information written in them.

Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

[redacted] also discussed this matter with [redacted] of MID. [redacted] indicated that it was his attitude that inasmuch as it has been established that the flying disks are not the result of any Army or Navy experiments, the matter is of interest to the FBI. He stated that he was of the opinion that the Bureau, if at all possible, should accede to General Schulgen's request.

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ADDENDUM

I would recommend that we advise the Army that the Bureau does not believe it should go into these investigations, it being noted that a great bulk of those alleged discs reported found have been pranks. It is not believed that the Bureau would accomplish anything by going into these investigations.

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I think we should do this
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I would do it but before agreeing to it we must insist upon full access to discs recovered. In one instance in the Roswell case the Army grabbed it & would not let us have it for cursory examination.

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Figure 10. Part of the FBI memo: July 15, 1947, by J.E. Hoover.

White Sands Proving Ground

On July 16, 1945, the first atomic bomb in the history of civilization exploded on the Trinity Test Site, which is now part of the White Sands Missile Range (figure 11). Many military entities used, and still use, this test site that spreads over 8300 square kilometers.[13] On March 16, 1947, Lieutenant General Nathan Twining stated that White Sands Proving Ground would become the Air Materiel Command Headquarters. As early as 1947, AMC already supported more than 2000 different aeronautic and aerospace research projects. The nuclear intercontinental ballistic missiles developed in part from the German scientists' expertise and from the V-2 recovered after WWII figure among their realizations.[14] This site also sheltered other top-secret development projects whose realizations are still hidden from the public. Even though hardly heard of, these secret technologies figure today among the U.S. Army's space war arsenal. Despite efforts to keep the secret on these types of highly classified technologies, we can find allusions to it in a few declassified documents from the forties.

On July 16, 1947, Lieutenant General Twining, Commanding Officer of AMC, sent a three-page report to the Commanding General of the Army Air Force in Washington, D.C. This top-secret report from Twining is the first to appear after the directive asking him to assess the situation in New Mexico related to recovered flying discs. So, it is not a coincidence if that report talks about an incident that happened around White Sands Proving Ground and whose title is: *Air Accident Report on Flying Disc aircraft near White Sands Proving Ground New Mexico*. If we follow the paper trail chronologically, this report and the information it contains, as well as the series of events, fit together. Again, like the IPU Report of July 22nd, this document confirms that Twining was ordered to investigate:

"…*a recovered flying disc and remains of a possible second disc*…"

So far, the information in this document appears to be accurate and correlates with the previous one. Furthermore, a wealth of technical data of the studied recovered flying discs and theories as to where they come from are discussed in great detail by different advisory groups and

Paperclip scientists. Even the approximate location where the wreckage was found is mentioned. What seems different from the IPU report though, is the location where the discs and wreckage were found. This *Air Accident Report* refers to two different locations. The first disk indicated in that report was supposedly recovered near Victorio Peak, which is located almost in the middle of White Sands Proving Ground and the second one was discovered near Socorro, a small town at the northern extremity of WSPG. In the IPU report it says:

"*Two crash sites have been located close to WSPG. Site LZ-1 was located at a ranch near Corona, approx. 75 miles northwest of the town of Roswell. Site LZ-2 was located approx. 20 miles southeast of the town of Socorro…"*[15]

The location discrepancy between these two documents does not necessarily mean that one is wrong and the other is right; because it seems that many crafts have crashed in the region surrounding White Sands during that time period. This is what Chuck Wade, a retired military and ufologist confirmed for me when I went to investigate the Roswell crash in the summer of 2013. It is from the testimonies of firsthand witnesses that Mr. Wade was able to identify no fewer than seven different crash sites in New Mexico, but that is another story, and it won't be discussed in this book.

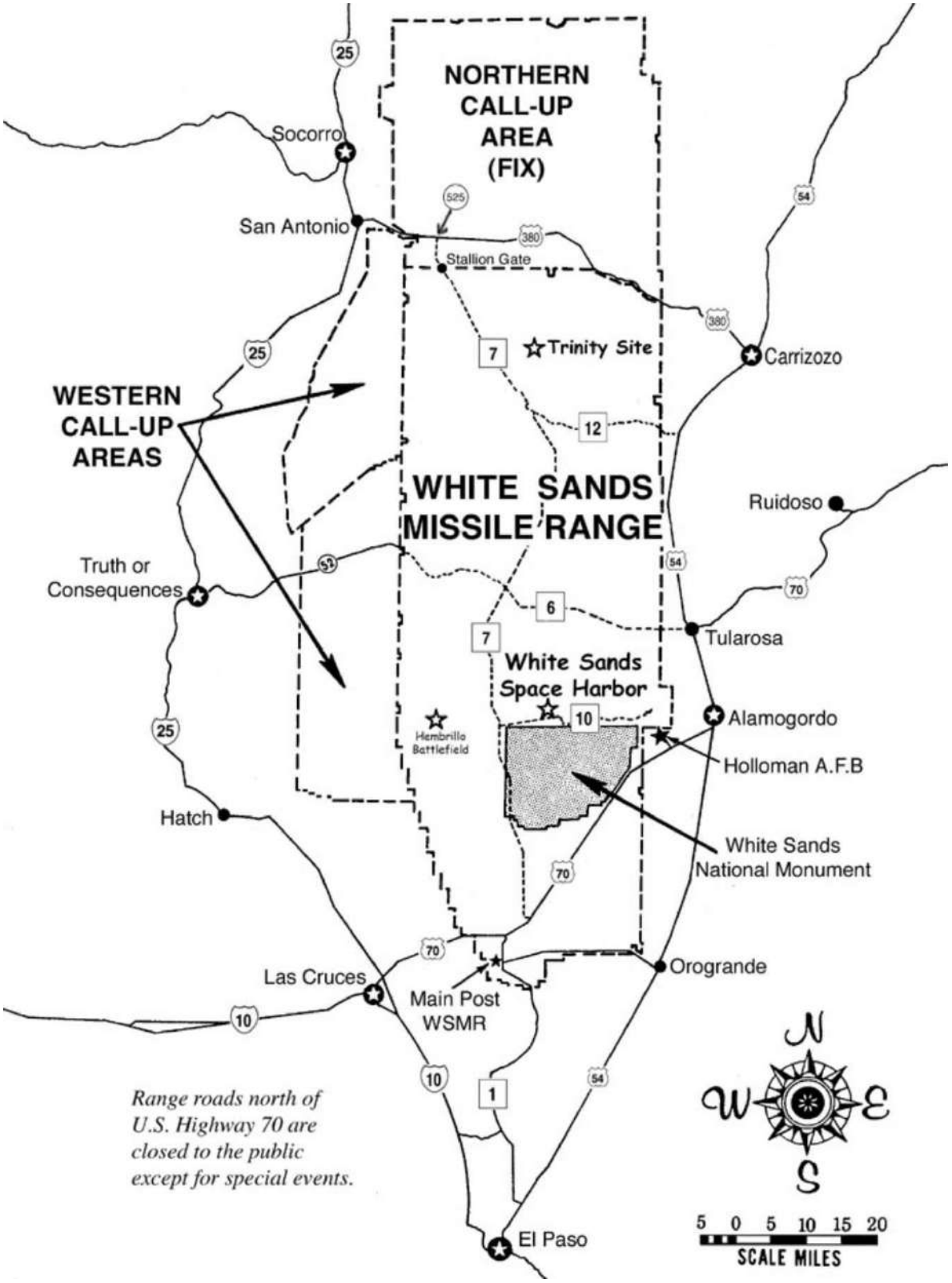


Figure 11. Map of the White Sands Proving Ground area.[16]

As far as the possible origin of these ships is concerned the Twining's Air Accident Report mentions that they cannot be of U.S. manufacture because of the following reasons:[17]

"a. The circular, disc-shaped "planform" design does not resemble any design currently under development by this command nor of any Navy project.

b. The lack of any external propulsion system, power plant, intake, exhaust either for propeller or jet propulsion, warrants this view.

c. The inability of the German scientists from Fort Bliss and White Sands Proving Ground to make positive identification of a secret German V weapon out of these discs. Though the possibility that the Russians have managed to develop such a craft, remains. The lack of any markings, ID numbers or instructions in Cyrillic, has placed serious doubt in the minds of many, that the objects recovered are not Russian manufactured either."

The report indicates that R&D for prototype aircraft at White Sands was already occurring in 1947, but they did not have the shape of the flying disks recovered by the army. Even though we have little information concerning these classified projects, certain technical data written in this document reveals that the scientists at White Sands were already pretty advanced for that era regarding aerospace technologies. This is what comes out in that same document where the comparison is made between an advanced propulsion system recovered from one of the disks and a special turbine developed by AMC:

"*It is believed that the main propulsion system is a bladeless turbine, similar to current development now underway at AMC and the Mogul Project*."[18]

For most of us, these types of technical data concerning the propulsion system of an aircraft are scientific jargon and they do not mean much. But when looking at it more closely we find that in 1947, the AMC was already working on a technology (a bladeless turbine) that is still considered futuristic today. With a little more research, we discover that the bladeless turbine was part of the many inventions of Nikola

Tesla, the now infamous Serbian inventor. Tesla saw so many advantages in this type of propulsion system that he envisaged integrating the use of this engine for the entire civilian aviation:

"*Although Tesla's dream for his engines application in aircraft was not realized in his lifetime, if allowed to be used in aircraft today, it would provide a quiet, safe, simple and efficient alternative to our supposedly advanced bladed turbine aircraft engines. It has been estimated that an increase in fuel efficiency of a factor of three could be realized in aircraft and thus substantially reduce pollution. Not only this, the Bladeless Tesla Turbine Engine can turn at much higher speeds with total safety.*

Tesla's small but powerful engine has only one moving part and is 95% efficient, which means tremendous mileage. It runs vibration free and doesn't even require a muffler. Not only is this engine 95% efficient, as compared to 25% efficiency or less of the conventional gas engine, it can run efficiently on any fuel from sawdust to hydrogen with no wear on the internal engine components."[19]

Like many other advanced technologies, it seems that this type of high efficiency engine was developed only for military purposes and ends up hidden in classified projects. Among the technological development whose existences are denied, the closed doors are sometimes cracked open, and some bribes of information are revealed. Supposedly, Marion Williams, a former CIA officer who used to work at Area 51, disclosed on his deathbed that the Stealth B2 bomber was developed on principles that come from alien technologies:

"*Just before he died of cancer, Williams confided to his relative Andrew Basiago that design principles from crashed alien antigravity spacecraft were being utilized in the stealth bomber*."[20]

We are not closer to knowing everything about this high-tech stealth aircraft, which costs nearly 2 billion dollars a unit. In an article entitled *Black World Engineers* published in the Aviation Week & Space Technology in March 1992, it states that the B2's propulsion system and its construction was part of highly classified technologies that could not yet be shared with the public.[21] The reason for such a secret was not only linked to the stealth technology allowing it to be invisible to the

radar, but mostly because the physics applied to its propulsion system is based on principles unknown to our common science.[22]

Alamogordo Air Force Base

Another very sensitive U.S. military base is Holloman Air Force Base, formerly named Alamogordo because of its proximity to the city of the same name. That base was used as a training facility for more than 20 different U.S. Army Air Force groups during the war.[23] The website reporting the history of this base does not mention much on the ongoing activities after the Second World War except this: "*After World War II, the future of the base was uncertain. In fact, rumors spread concerning the closure of the site, fuelled by the fact that most operations had ceased. However, in 1947, a new era began when Air Materiel Command announced the airfield would be its primary site for the testing and development of pilot less aircraft, guided missiles, and other research programs*."[24]

The "other research programs" mentioned here are parts of what is called *Black Projects* or *Unacknowledged Special Access Programs* in the military jargon. They are related to everything that touches reverse engineering of alien technologies recovered since the beginning of the Second World War. According to Thomas Cantwheel, the Alamogordo Air Force Base was the host of the legendary "S" aircraft. Cantwheel was one of the first informants to disclose information on this U.S. military technology in a document dated 1996 in which he reveals top-secret projects dating from the forties. According to Cantwheel, in early 1947 the "S" aircraft was transferred from Ohio to Alamogordo Air Force Base for flight testing.[25] The proximity of Alamogordo AFB to White Sands Proving Grounds was an important part of this decision. Many top-secret aircraft prototypes hidden at this base were tested at these installations up until now. From 1992 to 2008, the Stealth attack aircraft Nighthawk F-117 was part of the Holloman's fighter fleet. The first developments of the Nighthawk F-117 were made near the end of the seventies and its first recognized flight in 1981.

The existence of this fighter plane was admitted by the U.S. authorities only in 1988.[26] The chances are high that the F-117 is one of many aircraft that integrated technologies coming from the study of components of extraterrestrial aircraft recovered in New Mexico in the forties. After the war, despite the compartmentalization of the different

technological development projects related to reverse engineering, each facility was not completely independent. At the highest levels were the high-ranked military who ensured the collection of a maximum of information from these technologies literally “fallen from the sky” by coordinating the work of each group of scientists who were kept busy deciphering the alien science. Many references are made to Alamogordo Air Force Base in the ultra-secret IPU report dated 1947.

First, this document indicates that the Army Air Force radar station detected unidentified flying objects on the 4th of July, just before they crashed and then:

“*Detachment 3 of the 9393rd Technical Services Unit, assigned to Alamogordo AAF, was responsible for the locating and transportation of the large sections of the craft*…”

…that were found at one of the crash sites. And again, we see in this interesting document that:

“*Remains of the power plant were taken to Alamogordo AAF and Kirtland AAF. Structural debris and assortments were taken to AMC, Wright Field. Other remains were transported across the WSPG to the storage facilities of the NRL. All this was accomplished by 1730 MST 7 July*.”[27]

If we consider that the information in the IPU report is accurate, it means that in July 1947 the U.S. Armed Forces were already well organized in recovering and disposing of alien spacecraft and their technology. We can easily deduce that most of these special recovery units knew what they were doing when securing and assigning each of the parts uncovered to specific R&D facilities. We can also deduce that something was on its way well before the Roswell incidents and that it was no surprise for the many military entities that were involved in these events.

It seems that the military intelligence units were also highly efficient at their task of hiding the truth about everything related to the UFO recovered technologies. This tends to confirm that since the beginning of World War II, some of the higher-ups of the military-industrial complex

worked hard to “downed” alien spacecraft that were monitoring sensitive military areas where reverse engineering of previously recovered alien technologies were performed. Were these monitoring aliens trying to prevent a future nuclear war that could annihilate our entire civilization?

Or were they just concerned about the fact that we could try to conquer space armed to the teeth with nuclear weapons? Even if these are legitimate questions they are, for now, only speculations due to lack of information. The information that comes from these documents informs us though that many military facilities in New Mexico were in fact laboratories used to secretly recover, study, develop and test alien technologies.

Roswell, New Mexico

"*The disappearance of archives and clumsy attempts of explanation from the Air Force show that U.S. military hide something important that happened in Roswell in 1947, the same way they hid their experiments on human beings related to the effects of plutonium. The hypothesis of an alien spacecraft which is based on many firsthand testimonies cannot be ruled out.*"[28]

THE COMETA REPORT

Roswell is a typical quiet town in the Southwestern U.S. There are many ranch owners with lands that stretch over thousands of acres. The year 1941 was a very prolific one for the construction of air force bases in New Mexico. In Roswell, an air force combat school was built, and it has become, with time, the largest base of the Strategic Air Command (SAC). Under the SAC was the Eighth Air Force with General Roger Ramey as its Commanding Officer. There were many air force units under the Eighth Air Force among which the 509th Bombardment Group commanded by Colonel William Blanchard. This unit, which would later be known for its implication in the Roswell crash, settled in the region in 1946 (figure 12). It was, at the time, the one and only U.S. military organization with strategic nuclear capacity. In other words, they were able to strike any country on the planet with short notice with nuclear bombs.

Figure 12. 509th Bombardment Group of Roswell sign.[29]

It is surely not a coincidence that UFOs were seen buzzing around those nuclear weapon facilities. Proof of the involvement of many other military units located near the town of Roswell in the recovery/cover-up operation of a downed UFO can be found in declassified and/or leaked documents that are shown in this book.

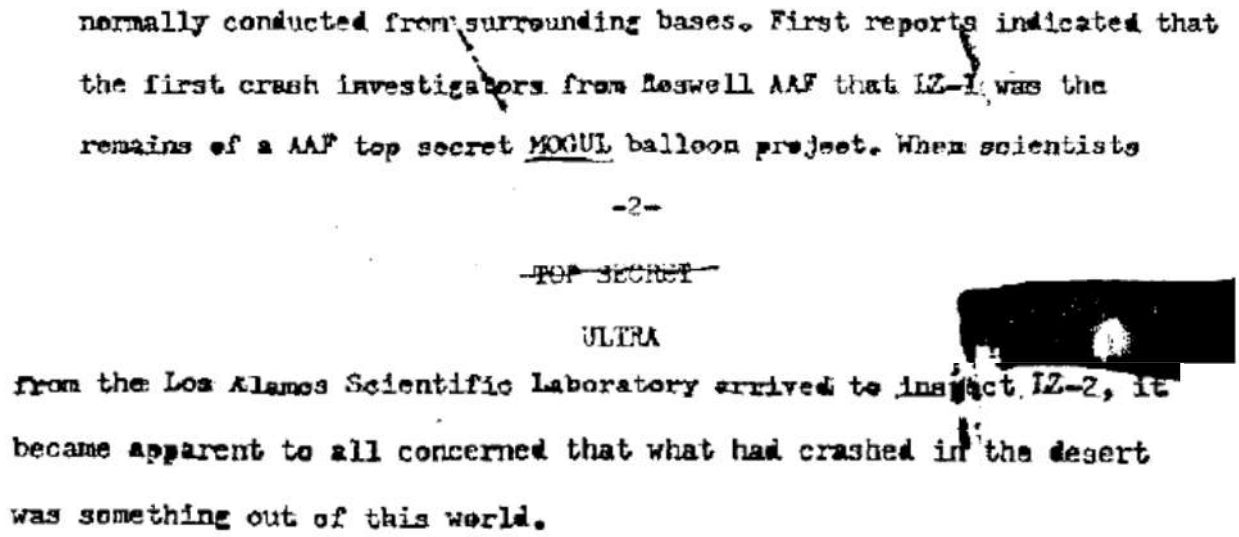
Even though some ufologists do not agree on the authenticity of these documents, their contents reflect the events exactly as they were reported by many firsthand witnesses. Some of their accounts are described in great detail in the IPU report dated July 22, 1947. This seven-page summary report, classified ultra-secret, is an intelligence assessment of the Roswell crash drafted by IPU's Headquarters. This report was made on the request of General Eisenhower himself, then Chief of Staff of the Army. The same man who would lead the United States as the 34th President after Truman in 1953… In this report, we

find the names of units which were related to the Roswell events by their involvement in each step, from radar detection to the recovery of bodies and pieces of wreckage, as well as the cover-up of the whole story.

As we have seen previously that document mentions two crash sites: LZ-1, located near a ranch in Corona and LZ-2, located southwest of Socorro. It is also said that the first investigators to reach LZ-2 and view the wreckage allowed them to determine that they were:

"*…not belonging to any aircraft, rocket, weapons, or balloon test that are normally conducted from surrounding bases*."[30]

That sole information quickly rules out the MOGUL balloon explanation as the possible cause of the Roswell events and underscores that there might be a cover-up. As for the cover-up, the IPU report mentions that: [31]



normally conducted from surrounding bases. First reports indicated that the first crash investigators from Roswell AAF that LZ-1 was the remains of a AAF top secret MOGUL balloon project. When scientists

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from the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory arrived to inspect LZ-2, it became apparent to all concerned that what had crashed in the desert was something out of this world.

The Weaver Report and the MOGUL Balloon Explanation

"*The Mogul explanation doesn't fit. There are gross differences among the testimony of their witnesses, and they ignore the testimony they don't want to consider while claiming falsely that they have talked to all the original witnesses still alive who handled material totally different from the Mogul explanation*."[32]

Stanton Friedman, November 1997.

In the 1980s and 1990s several ufologists met with people who witnessed part of the Roswell events and who decided to talk about their experience despite the possible negative consequences. From their investigations these ufologists wrote books to share the information they have collected, some of them from firsthand witnesses.

Among these books, whose conclusion was that there was at least one UFO that crashed in New Mexico in July 1947 and it was of extraterrestrial origin, we have: *The Roswell Incident* (1980) by Charles Berlitz and William Moore; *Crashed saucers: Evidence in search of proof* (1985) by William Moore; *UFO Crash at Roswell* (1991) by Kevin Randle and Donald Schmitt; *The Roswell Report: A Historical Perspective* (1991) by George M. Eberhart, Kevin Randle and Don Schmitt; *Crash at Corona* (1992) by Stanton T. Friedman and Don Berliner and many more. Again, the wealth of information obtained by these researchers was more than sufficient to confirm the extraterrestrial hypothesis and the government cover-up over the UFO issue. Slowly the lid over UFO secrecy was loosened and more people began to talk about what they knew. That uncontrolled disclosure put the U.S. Air Force in an uncomfortable situation. The Air Force had to respond to these revelations because they revealed that the Army was hiding something to the public since at least 1947…

In 1994, because the U.S. Air Force Headquarters were nice guys (and because they had no other choice) they decided to "disclose what really happened" in Roswell in 1947. So, they published a 994-page document entitled *The Roswell Report – Fact versus Fiction in the New Mexico Desert* explaining, with many pictures, maps and accounts coming from "reliable" sources, that something did crash near Roswell, but it was a top-secret balloon project named MOGUL:

"*The use of compartmentation* [*sic*] *along with strict enforcement of the need to know enabled MOGUL to remain a secret - despite its obvious security difficulties - and to remain unevaluated for many years as the cause of the Roswell Incident*."[33]

The authors of this report were U.S. Air Force Officers Colonel Richard L. Weaver and 1st Lt. James McAndrew. They had to explain to

Steven H. Schiff (the Representative who had made the request) what in the hell happened in Roswell in July 1947. Their primary task was to locate the records that explained the events of July 1947. Unfortunately, it seems that these guys weren't good at "locating things" because after some unsuccessful efforts they hadn't found anything:

"The Air Force research did not locate or develop any information that the 'Roswell Incident': was a UFO event."[34]

So, the logic behind that whole report seems to be "*because we can't find any UFO related proof to the Roswell events that's a proof that nothing happened*…" In his presentation letter to the Secretary of the Air Force, probably because he thought he was psychic and could see the future, Colonel Weaver wrote:

"…*it is assumed that pro-UFO groups will strongly object to the attached report and denounce it as either shortsighted or a continuation of the "cover-up" conspiracy*."[35]

That last statement among the 994 pages of the had-to-be-done report is probably the only thing that is accurate. Not only has the UFO community rejected it but the ufologist Stanton Friedman proposed to debate openly around it:

"*I hereby challenge Colonel Richard Weaver, author of the outrageously misleading huge volume 'The Roswell Report: Fact vs Fiction in the New Mexico Desert', and USAF Captain James McAndrew, author of the 1997 'The Roswell Report: Case Closed', to a formal debate. - These two officers have made a mockery out of serious investigation. They have used all the tools of the propagandist with selective choice of data, false reasoning, false claims, positive and negative name calling. These reports should be listed under fiction in the library*."[36]

Unfortunately, the debate never took place and the Weaver Report is still presented today as *everything the Air Force knows about the Roswell claims*. In this report, we can see the terms "UFO enthusiasts", "cosmic conspiracy", "flying saucer recovery scenario" along with the words "alleged", "supposedly" and "so-called" used in a way that is

meant to convey that if you believed in the extraterrestrial hypothesis and the government cover-up you should feel stupid just to have thought it. It is no surprise that the USAF authors of this substantial-but-nothing-in-it report dismissed everything that could have been related to a saucer crash and a cover-up by indirectly stating that *Absence of proof is the proof of absence*. Here are excerpts coming from that report that clearly demonstrate this idea:

"*The review of Air Force records did not locate even one piece of evidence to indicate that the Air Force has had any part in an "alien" body recovery operation or continuing cover-up*."[37]

"Although that project (MOGUL) *was Top Secret at the time, there was also no specific indication found to indicate an official pre-planned cover story was in place to explain an event such as that which ultimately happened."*

"…*there was no indication in official records from the period that there was heightened military operational or security activity which should have been generated if this was, in fact, the first recovery of materials and/or persons from another world*." And the reason for that is: "*The postwar US military (or today's for that matter) did not have the capability to rapidly identify, recover, coordinate, cover up, and quickly minimize public scrutiny of such an event."*[38]

The truth about that last statement is that the U.S. military was in fact able to quickly recover, coordinate and cover-up the whole thing, however but it did not "minimize" it enough for public scrutiny and that is why it finally came out. And the next statement of the Weaver Report is no less ironic than the previous ones:

"*The claim that they did so* (recovered a flying disc) *without leaving even a little bit of a suspicious paper trail for 47 years is incredible*."[39]

Regarding that "paper trail" there is in fact a very long one that relates directly to the entire story as told by numerous witnesses, and most of the documents are available on the majesticdocuments.com website. Interestingly, the information that comes from separate individuals telling their accounts related to the Roswell events is complementary and not

contradictory. And when these testimonies are put together as a whole, they tend to reinforce the idea that the Majestic documents are genuine and that the Air Force claims are just clumsy efforts to gain more time in keeping the public in the dark about these events. When asked about why Air Force officials would have made a statement to the press about a recovered flying disk in July 1947 if there was any, Colonel Weaver's response was:

"…*it seems that there was overreaction by Colonel Blanchard and Major Marcel in originally reporting that a "flying disc" had been recovered when, at that time, nobody knew for sure what that term even meant, since it had only been in use for a couple of weeks*."[40]

To clarify, what Colonel Weaver said was that in 1947 Colonel Blanchard and Major Marcel were both wrong about their statement and they did not know the difference between a weather balloon and a flying saucer. And because the term "flying disc" was in use only for a short period of time they wouldn't know for sure what they were talking about. Really? That is a very big mistake for a man (Colonel Blanchard) who served in highly classified missions like Operation Crossroad's atomic tests in the Bikini Atoll the previous year, as it was for Major Marcel, who was an intelligence officer for the 509th Bombardment Group, the only USAF unit with nuclear capacity. This unit, which was hosting the Roswell Army Airfield, was on the top of the heap as far as recognition of debris coming from an aerial device is concerned. The entire Weaver Report, the purpose of which was supposedly to shed more light on the Roswell events, seems to be another Air Force-related show aimed at getting the public's attention away from the truth. Since Colonel Weaver had to show, in his report, that he had covered all of the angles, he had to mention that there were many witnesses who told the same story about Roswell and that the story was vastly different compared to the MOGUL balloon scenario. Many of Colonel Weaver's arguments in his report are thus weak and far-fetched when it comes to real testimonies of firsthand reliable sources whose accounts are that the army did recover a flying disc in Roswell and covered it all up:

"…*persons who have come forward and provided their names and made claims may have, in good faith but in the "fog of time,"*

misinterpreted past events."[41]

In other words, Colonel Weaver stated that it is surely a coincidence that the people who claimed to have witnessed parts of the Roswell events are all telling the same story. And those stories aren't about a balloon of some kind that even a six-year-old child could easily identify. The "fog of time" must have done something to their mind so all these people talk about the military recovering an alien flying disc...

The promotion of Blanchard and Marcel shortly after the Roswell events supposes that their "mistake" wasn't that serious after all. They probably did what they were asked for by the Army Air Force. The existing authentic paper trail will lead us through the events like we were there…

Operation Deception, the Roswell UFO Crash Cover-up

According to the IPU report of July 22, 1947, President Truman was informed of the Roswell events at the Pentagon by General Vandenberg. General Vandenberg was responsible for the control of information during all of the recovery operations, and he also ordered surveillance over every electronic transmission to prevent any leaks. To maintain the secret on LZ-2 the document indicates that Colonel William Blanchard was to submit an article to local newspapers stating that a flying saucer had been recovered by the Army and later a "revised" version was to be published to kill media interest.[42] And when you look at the story retrospectively it is exactly what happened…

Leased Wire
Associated Press

Roswell Daily Record

RECORD PHONES
Business Office 2288
News Department
2287

ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO, TUESDAY, JULY 8, 1947

RAAF Captures Flying Saucer On Ranch in Roswell Region

Movies as Usual

GRAND

Claims Army Is Stacking Courts Martial

Indiana Senator Lays Protest Before Patterson

House Passes Tax Slash by Large Margin

Defeat Amendment By Demos to Remove Many from Rolls

Security Council Paves Way to Talks On Arms Reductions

No Details of Flying Disk Are Revealed

Roswell Hardware Man and Wife Report Disk Seen

Ex-King Carol Weds Mme. Lupescu

Former King Carol of Rumania and Mme. Elena Lupescu relax aboard the S. S. America bound for Cuba and Mexico in May, 1941. A member of Carol's household in Rio de Janeiro said the ex-king and his companion for 23 years in exile and exile were recently married at their hotel Copacabana Palace suite. (AP Wirephoto).

Some of Soviet Satellites May Attend Paris Meeting

Roswellians Have Differing Opinions On Flying Saucers

American League Wins All-Star Game

Miners and Operators Sign Highest Wage Pact in History

Figure 13. Front page of the Roswell Daily Record: July 8, 1947.

On July 8, 1947, the Roswell Daily Record (figure 13) and the Sacramento Bee (figure 14) each published a similar article about the Roswell Army Air Field's recovery of a flying disk on a ranch near Roswell. And shortly after, the whole thing was debunked by General Ramey, Commanding Officer of the Eighth Air Force. Roswell was far from being the first UFO crash and recovery event to be covered up but it was the first one to require that amount of resources, timing and coordination from the military and the intelligence.

That was the beginning of the UFO cover-up on a national and international scale. A worldwide conspiracy for say…

Army Reveals It Has Flying Disc Found On Ranch In New Mexico

ROSWELL (N. M.), July 8.—(AP)—The army air forces here today announced a flying disc has been found on a ranch near Roswell and is in possession of the army. Lieutenant Warren Haught, public information officer of the Roswell Army Air Field, announced the find had

Figure 14. Excerpt of the Sacramento Bee article: July 8, 1947.

The involvement of the 509th in the Roswell events resides mainly in its vast participation in the debunking operation orchestrated by the Army Air Corps Intelligence. The MOGUL balloon cover story had already been mentioned in the IPU report as coming from the investigators of the Roswell AAF. Some higher ups at Roswell AAF already had a cover story and were ready to give false information to the IPU's investigators… Even the FBI was denied access to one of the storage areas where some of the wreckage was placed.

The IPU report also states that the subsequent intervention of the 8th AF (under which the 509th was working) was to silence the "rumors" as soon as the "false truth" in the newspapers was published (figure 15).[43]

were monitored for any disclosures of the finds. To maintain secrecy of site LZ-2, the CO of Roswell AAF was authorized to give a brief press release to local paper in which 8th AF Hdqrs. promptly denied rumors that the Army had flying saucers in their possession which effectively killed press interest. Civilians who might have seen or handled some of the wreckage, or viewed bodies were detained under the McNab law until all remaing evidence was secured in restricted bases. Witnesses were debriefed by CIC and warned of the consequences of talking to the press. So far, secrecy seems to be working.

To maintain absolute control over this secret, the intelligence had to identify everyone involved in these events. About that the IPU report mentions:

"*The only Cabinet member to date that may know of the details is Secretary of State Marshall*."

Leased Wire Associated Press

Roswell Daily Record

RECORD PHONES Business Office 3200 News Department 2387

Gen. Ramey Empties Roswell Saucer

Lewis Pushes Advantage in New Contract

Southern Mines Only Holdouts in New Contract

Sheriff Wilcox Takes Leading Role in Excitement Over Report 'Saucer' Found

Arrest 2,000 In Athens in Commie Plot

Revolution Was Set to Be Pulled Off Thursday

Send First Roswell Wire Photos from Record Office

Ramey Says Excitement Is Not Justified

General Ramey Says Disk Is Weather Balloon

U. S. Lend-Lease To Britain Looms As Needed by Fall

Attorney to Force Closing up of Ruidoso Clubrooms

Local Weatherman Believes Disks to Be Bureau Devices

Romania Rejects Bid to Take Part In Economic Meet

Figure 15. Front page of the Roswell Daily Record : July 9, 1947.

At the time, the Secretary of State was none other than George C. Marshall, former Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army who created IPU in 1942… He already knew how to keep secrets and was very much aware of the whole story! On the other hand, according to the Counterintelligence Corps, it appears that certain aspects of the recovery operation were disclosed to a Congress Representative elected in 1946. This representative, who had served as a Naval Intelligence Officer during the war, had obtained information on the incident from the Secretary of the Air Force. Who was this Congress Representative?

John F. Kennedy, son of Joseph P. Kennedy! As we will see later, JFK had always been interested in UFOs and space exploration, but his curiosity for the subject might have cost him his life…

Following the Paper Trail: Documents That Prove Alien Body Recovery

Among other interesting names figuring in the IPU report is Doctor Detlev Bronk, a physiologist whose name popped out in the mid-eighties on a listing of the special study group named MJ-12… The intriguing part here is that according to the IPU report, Bronk was supposedly present during the autopsy of one of the corpses of the Roswell crash: [44]

11. As to the bodies recovered at LZ-2, it appeared that none of the five crew members survived entry into our atmosphere due to unknown causes. DR. DETLEV BRONK has been asked to assist in the autopsy of one well preserved cadaver to be done by MAJOR CHARLES M. REA. From

The choice of Dr. Detlev Bronk for that task was very appropriate given that he was a specialist in human physiology, most particularly in vascular and respiratory problems caused by high-altitude flights.[45] At the time of the Roswell events, Bronk was already a renowned biophysicist among the scientific establishment and was Director of the National Research Council (NRC). He also chaired many committees such as the Naval Research Advisory Board and the Scientific Advisory Board of the Army Air Force.[46] During the Roswell events, Bronk was

one of the civilian scientists who had the highest security clearance in the United States.

If he has participated actively in the study of recovered alien bodies, it was mostly because of his position as Coordinator of Research of the Office of the Air Surgeon, a position he acquired during WWII after training many specialists who contributed to the development of security mechanisms for pilots during high-altitude flights.[47] Bronk was therefore the ideal candidate for such a task. His name is also found in the distribution list of a memo addressed to Lt. General Twining dated September 20, 1947, in which the preliminary results of the examination of a well-preserved cadaver recovered by Army medical staff are discussed.[48]

The details of this post-mortem examination mention that the "personnel's" duty status was unknown. Meaning that whoever "he" was they did not know what he was up for. The examination report also stated that this "pilot" had fatal injuries and that his death was caused by a full flight collision with another aircraft. The study of the recovered and assembled artifacts:

"…*indicate that the unidentified aircraft may have experienced a 50% malfunction in its flight control system*…"

and that: "*Weather does not appear to be a significant factor in causing the craft to collide with an unidentified object.*"[49]

Here, we have at least two aircraft that would have collided in full flight and at least one of which is of unknown origin! As for the autopsied body, the details of the IPU report suggest that he came from the unknown aircraft: [50]

by or intelligence photographers, the occupants appear in most respects human with/some anatomical differences/in the head, eyes, hands and feet. hair? They have a slight build about five feet tall, with grayish-pink skin color. They have no hair on their bodies and clothed with a tight fitting flight suit that appears to be fire proof (some of the bodies looked as if they had been burned on head and and hands). Their overall stature reminds one of /young children./It is believed that there were male and female genders present, but was hard to distinguish.

The extraterrestrial origin of the craft was confirmed in a subsequent report; *Project White Hot Intelligence Estimate* in which was detailed a compilation of all data coming from the different agencies that investigated the events.

Also known as the Twining Report, this document was classified MAJIC, a classification that was probably the highest at the time. In this report, the first part indicates that: [51]

finding mission remain tentative at this time. Some members expressed the view that ULAT-1 may be the product of an advanced culture from another planet that is much older than ours and has utilized the science and intellect for interplanetary space travel. It is not precisely known if the occupants purposely had the objective of exploration out of curiousity, or with the intent of surveying for other reasons. So far, no hostile

More details on the recovered bodies are added further in the document: [52]

Several bodies were discovered. Because on-site medical personnel were unsure of the physiological and biological make up of the occupants, special preparations and preservation methods were employed. Autopsy information obtained so far suggests that the occupants mimic the featuers associated with [redacted] Outwardly, they appear human-like with but one exception, autopsy notes mention a rarely observed [redacted] present which supports the premise that these beings originate from another planet.

MAJIC EYES ONLY [redacted]

So, for the scientists and the military involved in the study of the recovered bodies and aircraft there were no ambiguities about the fact that they were unearthly. And the reason why they would have kept all of this astounding information secret surely had to do with the advanced technology associated with them:

"*The AST personnel were mainly interested in LZ-2 as this site contained the majority of structural detail of the craft's airframe, propulsion and navigation technology*."[53]

The fact that the personnel were "mainly interested" in the technologies that were present on the crash site, and that the aircraft did not belong to any known technological development, was enough to conclude that it had to be of extraterrestrial origin. After onsite verification and the discovery of five bodies in a damaged escape cylinder, IPU members concluded that the debris must have a different origin than the one described in the preliminary report of the Roswell base investigators:[54]

13. Our assessment of this investigation rests on two assumptions: 1) Either this discovery was an elaborate and well orchestrated hoax (maybe by the Russians), or; 2) Our country has played host to

beings from another planet.

Since roughly 2010, the Russians' "well-orchestrated hoax" theory has been used by the intelligence community to bewilder and confuse people about the Roswell events the same way they did with the MOGUL balloon "declassified" project by the Air Force in the mid-nineties. These new "facts" came as a response to many testimonies about the involvement of the USAF in the cover-up of the Roswell crash and the UFO reality. It seems that, because believing in the MOGUL Balloon story was not going to last long, the intelligence community responsible for the cover-up had to have a backup plan for later when part of the real story would show up. In 2011, a national best seller book called *Area 51 an Uncensored History of America's Top Secret Military Base* by Annie Jacobsen was published and shocked the entire UFO community. What was shocking was not the many "revelations" coming from "reliable" sources, but the way the author cleverly dismissed all of the cover-up by writing that all UFOs were in fact top-secret reconnaissance aircraft such as U-2 or the SR-71 Black Bird.

The author even suggests that the extraterrestrial hypothesis was in fact part of the cover-up... As Colonel Weaver did with his report of the Roswell events, Annie Jacobsen bent the truth about Area 51 and top-secret military bases in a way that surely serves the intelligence community. Whether the book was a CIA's special request is unknown, but the timing, the information (or disinformation) it contains and the way it spread all over America as a "Best Seller" seems to confirm it. As Colonel Weaver said, it is: "…*a continuation of the "cover-up" conspiracy*." Even though many dark areas surrounding all these events remain, the only way to know what really happened is to conduct further research using every lead available.

Following the paper trail is a very good way to find reliable information because there are so many ways to confirm the document's authenticity. According to one of these important documents entitled: *Analysis of Factors Contributing to "Pilot-Error" Experiences in Operating Experimental Aircraft Control*, we learn that since March 1947, a team of biophysicists working for Doctor Bronk had worked on "special" flight operations related to a mysterious experimental vehicle called "S" aircraft.[55]

In this brief analysis report dated September 22, 1947, we can see that there were two incidents involving the “S” aircraft: one the 25th of March, and another one the 4th of July. In both cases the report says the crafts had crashed because of an engine failure of unknown origin. Now, if we joined the information of that letter with the memorandum *Preliminary Results of Post-Mortem Examination of the Air Accident Report* dated September 20th, we can see that not only were UFOs interested in secret nuclear facilities, but they were also looking around for the latest aeronautical developments. These latest developments were probably the results of reverse engineering technology that came from previous recovery and appeared to attract attention of an alien party. Probably the one from whom that same technology was taken?

Was it the technology recovered from alien aircraft during the Second World War by the U.S. Army? If we take into consideration what the former IPU’s operative Thomas Cantwheel had to say about it, this hypothesis is highly probable…

CHAPTER III
THE SECRET SPACE PROGRAM

"*As concerning Dr. Vannevar Bush and Dr. Eric Henry Wong performing analysis on the recovered flying saucers. It is now self-evident, through several channels, that Bush headed up the overall project, this needs no further explanation. Dr. Eric Henry Wong headed up the Department of Special Studies at the old Wright Air Development center at W.P.A.F.B. from 1949-1956. The Department of Special Studies was moved to Kirtland Airforce Base/Sandia Labs Complex near Albuquerque, New Mexico, where Wong was in charge from 1956 until his death in 1960. I located Dr. Wong's widow, who confirmed to me that he was involved in an Above-Top-Secret project to analyze and subsequently duplicate the recovered flying saucers*."[1]

William Steinman, September 8, 1987.

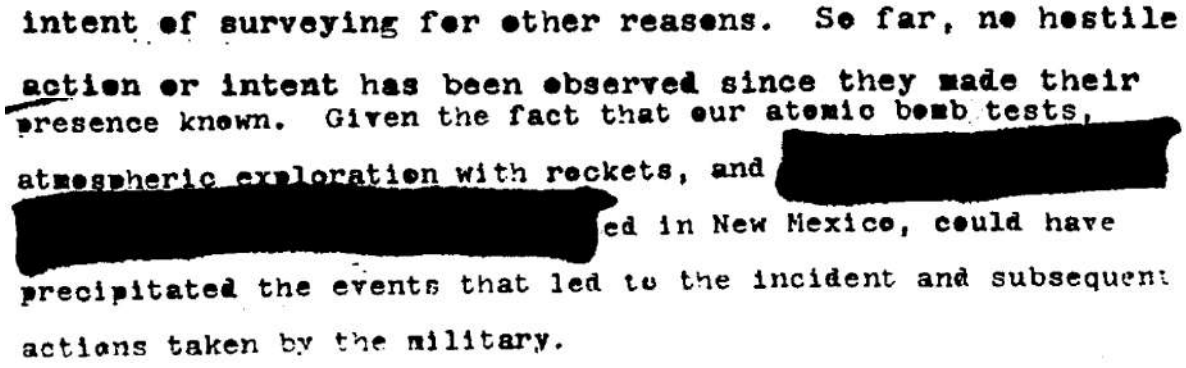
Black Projects and Celestial Observers

The production of nuclear weapons, which installations were primarily concentrated on in New Mexico, would have been detectable from a distance by an advanced civilization. In their letter of summer 1947, Professor Einstein and Doctor Oppenheimer talked about classified atmospheric tests that could have drawn the attention of celestial visitors.[2] Einstein and Oppenheimer had made a parallel between ongoing secret projects in New Mexico and the increasing UFO sightings. Those UFOs were seen near sensitive military facilities where highly classified projects were underway:

"*Lastly, we should consider the possibility that our atmospheric tests of late could have influenced the arrival of celestrial* [*sic*] *scrutiny. They could have been curious or even alarmed by such activity (and rightly so, for the Russians would make every effort to observe and record such tests)*."[3]

In classified documents dated 1947, many references are made about these atmospheric tests; the information on the matter is, however, often sanitized. To solve the mystery behind these highly secretive atmospheric tests one has to look for evidence in many different documents and put the pieces together like a giant puzzle.

In Twining's *Project White Hot Intelligence Estimate* submitted in 1947 to the Truman administration, potential causes that triggered the presence of such unknown visitors are mentioned: [4]



intent of surveying for other reasons. So far, no hostile action or intent has been observed since they made their presence known. Given the fact that our atomic bomb tests, atmospheric exploration with rockets, and [redacted] ed in New Mexico, could have precipitated the events that led to the incident and subsequent actions taken by the military.

In the first paragraph of this document, two possibilities are suggested as to the presence of these celestial observers: atomic bomb tests and atmospheric explorations with rockets. The third one was hidden for national security reasons. Contrary to the common belief concerning nuclear testing on U.S. soil, no tests were conducted in 1947 and the only ones conducted in 1946 occurred in the South Pacific islands, far away from the continent (Operation Crossroads).[5] Evidently the nuclear explosions of 1945 and 1946 did not go unnoticed. These detonations were not the trigger for the arrival of celestial observers (since, in 1941, the U.S. Army had already captured at least one of their ships), but it certainly increased their interest.

Regarding the mentions: "…*atmospheric exploration with rockets"* it appears that launching V-2 rockets, the first terrestrial device with space capability,[6] could also have contributed in drawing alien curiosity. According to that same report, it seems that these two factors were not the only ones. The very existence of Twining's 19-page preliminary assessment appears to come from the compilation of technical data resulting from the study of UFOs recovered by the army and the overall intelligence situation on the matter. The blacked-out parts of the document indicate that a specific activity happened in New Mexico that:

"…*could have precipitated the events that led to the incident and subsequent actions taken by the military."*

The incident in question here is, of course, the Roswell crash and everything related to it; the subsequent vast operation that was put in place to recover and secure the wreckage as well as the bodies. Another possibility that could have forced alien visitors to enter our atmosphere is the experimentation of a completely new aircraft; a supersonic prototype that could fly as high as the upper atmosphere with nuclear weapons. Such a classified aircraft is mentioned in Albert Einstein's draft *Relationships with Inhabitants of Celestrial* [*sic*] *Bodies* of June 1947:

"*The use of the atomic bomb combined with space vehicles poses a threat on a scale which makes it absolutely necessary to come to an agreement in this area. With the appearance of unidentified space vehicles (opinions are sharply divided as to their origin) over skies of*

Europe and the United States has sustained an ineradicable fear, an anxiety about security, that is driving the great powers to make an effort to find a solution to the threat."[7]

The use of this type of aircraft could be seen as a threat by other nations of our planet, but also by other intelligent species from outer space that could have been alarmed by the beginning of the Second World War and the nuclear explosions of 1945 and 1946. It is now evident that, some of the sudden technological advances of the post WWII era come from the reverse engineering of alien spacecraft. As documents show, some of these extraterrestrial aircraft were recovered as early as 1941 by the U.S. military. That said, it would be normal for an extraterrestrial emergency recovery team to try to locate and recover their missing fellow along with their precious technology. Even though this possibility was not clearly mentioned in the Roswell documents we can, however, suppose that this information transpires in the blackened areas seen all over them.

On August 3, 2012, the Huffington Post published a very surprising news article[8] that appears to confirm some of Thomas Cantwheel's claims related to the experimental "S" aircraft.

Roswell UFO Crash: There Were 2 Crashes, Not 1, Says Ex-Air Force Official

Interviewed by a journalist on the matter, retired Lieutenant Colonel Richard French decided to reveal the truth after decades of secrecy. His version of the event is as follows:

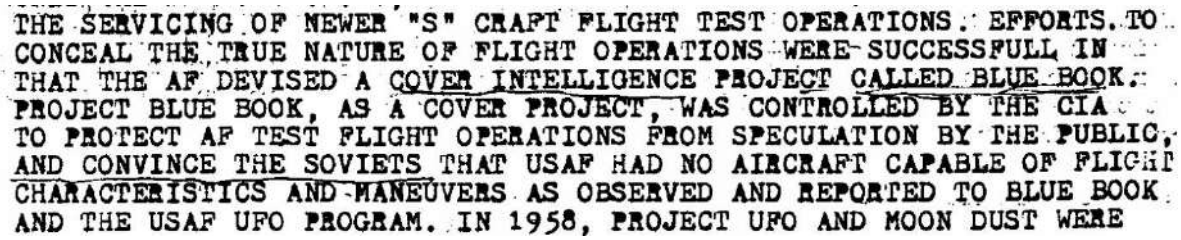
"*The first one was shot down by an experimental U.S. airplane that was flying out of White Sands, N.M., and it shot what was effectively an electronic pulse-type weapon that disabled and took away all the controls of the UFO, and that's why it crashed*."[9]

Lieutenant Colonel French was at Alamogordo in 1947, making him a very important witness. He participated in hundreds of combat missions for the U.S. Air Force in Korea as well as an in Southeast Asia. He also held many different positions as intelligence officer, which allowed him to remain informed on sensitive subjects such as the Roswell crash. French

also said that he was responsible for the disinformation campaign during Project Blue Book:

"*I'm one of the authors of Project Blue Book, and started with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, stationed in Spokane, Washington. One of the duties I had in 1952 was to debunk UFO stories. In other words, if someone had a UFO sighting, I and another agent would try to come up with some logical explanation for this strange aerial appearance. Most of the reports were from civilians and the military. We gave our analysis and tried to debunk it by saying it was swamp fog or that the thing they saw was actually hanging on wires. It went up through channels all the way to the presidential level*."[10]

This will once again confirm Cantwheel's remarks in his letter of 1996:[11]



THE SERVICING OF NEWER "S" CRAFT FLIGHT TEST OPERATIONS. EFFORTS TO CONCEAL THE TRUE NATURE OF FLIGHT OPERATIONS WERE SUCCESSFULL IN THAT THE AF DEVISED A COVER INTELLIGENCE PROJECT CALLED BLUE BOOK. PROJECT BLUE BOOK, AS A COVER PROJECT, WAS CONTROLLED BY THE CIA TO PROTECT AF TEST FLIGHT OPERATIONS FROM SPECULATION BY THE PUBLIC, AND CONVINCE THE SOVIETS THAT USAF HAD NO AIRCRAFT CAPABLE OF FLIGHT CHARACTERISTICS AND MANEUVERS AS OBSERVED AND REPORTED TO BLUE BOOK AND THE USAF UFO PROGRAM. IN 1958, PROJECT UFO AND MOON DUST WERE

The "S" aircraft, U.S. Air Force Black Project

THE "LOANED" AIRCRAFT WAS ACQUIRED IN 1945 FROM THE AIR TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMAND (ATSC, NOW AEDC, AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND). THE "S" AIRCRAFT WAS WAS DESIGNED FROM A AERODYNE RECOVERED IN 1941 THAT CRASHED IN SOUTHWESTERN MISSOURI AND ONE CAPTURED IN 1942 IN LOUSIANA. RE-CONSTRUCTION COMMENCED IN 1945 WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF GERMAN SCIENTISTS AT WRIGHT FIELD. PROPULSION PROGRAMS TRIED TO DUPLICATE THE ATOMIC POWER PLANT FOUND ON THE AERODYNE CAPTURED IN LOUSIANA AND INTEGRATED THE MAGNETIC DRIVE SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY TESLA. THE AAF HOPED TO INTRODUCE THIS CRAFT IN WAR, BUT RESOURCES AND MONEY WAS NOT AVAILABLE. FUNDING WAS NOT AVAILABLE TO R&D UNTIL 1946, WHEN LEMAY TOOK OVER THE PROJECT. THE S CRAFT COULD TAKE OFF VERTCALLY AND REACH ALTITUDES AS HIGH AS 90,000 FEET AT SUPERSONIC SPEEDS. THE CONTROLS WERE ELECTRONIC FLY BY WIRE AND THE PILOT LOOKED AT PROJECTION OF SYMB OLS ON A TRANSPARENT SCREEN. THE CRAFT WAS SO COMPLICATED THAT TEST PILOTS HAD GREAT DIFFICULTY IN HIGH PERFORMANCE AT VERY HIGH ALTITUDES.

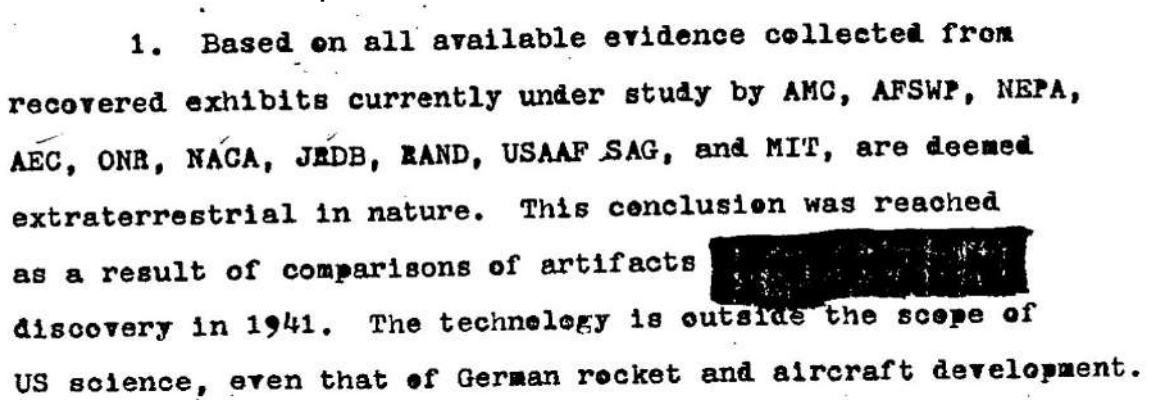
Thomas Cantwheel, 1996.[12]

In 1947, among the thousands of ongoing sensitive projects, the “S” aircraft was probably one of the most classified. During WWII, because of the high risk of espionage and sabotage, many research and development projects were done on a “need to know” basis, where only those who were “in the know” knew what was going on. Some highly sensitive projects, such as the development of the first atomic bomb, were divided in subprojects and each one was headed by a different director who had to report to a higher authority. After the Second World War, all future sensitive projects were modeled on the *modus operandi* of the Manhattan Project. This model was a reproduction of the military hierarchy structure adapted for classified scientific research and development projects.

This compartmentalized pyramidal structure gave knowledge of separate projects to very few individuals. These ‘’need to know’’ individuals needed a very high level of clearance in many autonomous projects in order to see the entire picture. Compartmentalization is the division of one project into multiple smaller units which are individually directed by different workgroups who do not share information with each other. Only those at the head of the entire project were able to see the whole picture. The directors of the subunits were informed only of their part, and they (along with their subordinates) had to swear an oath of confidentiality. They could not talk about their work outside their team and if they did, they risked severe reprisals. The typical example of

compartmentalization is where different groups of people work on an aircraft prototype using highly sophisticated technology.

One group may be tasked on the propulsion system, while another has to work on weapons and yet another on stealth technology, each one unaware of the other and the overall project. The development of the "S" aircraft was completed in such a way and, even today, very few people are aware that it ever existed. In connection to that, it is interesting to note that in Twining's White Hot Report some allusions were made concerning a secret development project that involved many different research and development units: [13]



1. Based on all available evidence collected from recovered exhibits currently under study by AMC, AFSWP, NEPA, AEC, ONR, NACA, JRDB, RAND, USAAF SAG, and MIT, are deemed extraterrestrial in nature. This conclusion was reached as a result of comparisons of artifacts [redacted] discovery in 1941. The technology is outside the scope of US science, even that of German rocket and aircraft development.

Whistleblower Thomas Cantwheel, who was an operative of the Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit, had access to a number of above top-secret information regarding military technologies in development after WWII. At the end of the nineties, he contacted ufologist Timothy Cooper to give him documents containing sensitive information regarding UFOs and above top-secret technologies; some of them were linked to the testing of aircraft prototypes made from recovered extraterrestrial aircraft wreckage. The military codename for one of these particular aircraft was "S" aircraft:

"*Other writers have suggested that Twining was deliberately withholding some sensitive information regarding the finds recovered in New Mexico. This may be true. If true, what? In 1995, my elusive and secretive source, the infamous Thomas Cantwheel, orally stated to me an unbelievable account of what transpired during Twining's unscheduled trip to Alamogordo Army Air Field in July 1947. Though I cannot vouch nor confirm what you are about to read next, I present it as a matter of*

record. You be the judge. According to Cantwheel, he and his IPU team arrived at Alamogordo sometime on July 5th where, according to the late retired Colonel Paul F. Helmick, USAF, at that time the base commander, an "atomic-powered aircraft" was brought onto the base and stored in a B-29 hanger located at Area 2."[14]

When we connect the dots, the picture slowly appears - a picture in which insiders of the U.S. government recovered alien technology and have tried to replicate it since the late forties. There is a possibility that the hybrid experimental "S" aircraft drew the attention of these same alien from whom it was "loaned". Some UFO related documents underscore events of in-flight collisions with unknown aircraft that explain part of the Roswell crash. It seems that with all the information concerning that major event, the military was not just trying to cover up the alien saucer recovery, but also their black project experiments. The following excerpt is taken from the letter of the Office of the Air Surgeon seen previously and entitled *Analysis of Factors Contributing to "Pilot-Error" Experiences in Operating Experimental Aircraft Controls.* It not only confirms the existence of this black project's aircraft revealed by Cantwheel, but also confirms that it was alien technology: [15]

As to the actual causes of the two incidents on 25 March and 4 July 1947, of the loaned S- Aircraft (PF), analysis of the engine design and thrust stress factors, PF personnel and Atomic Energy Commission consultants in conjunction with advisory people from Army Air Forces Scientific Advisory Group, and Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, could not fully agree as to the exact cause of engine failure in both cases. One plausable problem has been examined which might help in correcting "Pilot Error" operation. Interaction of symbolic instrumentation with tactil manipulation of flight controls and pilot shielding in high performance operation, has been a continuing factor of study by Research and Development.

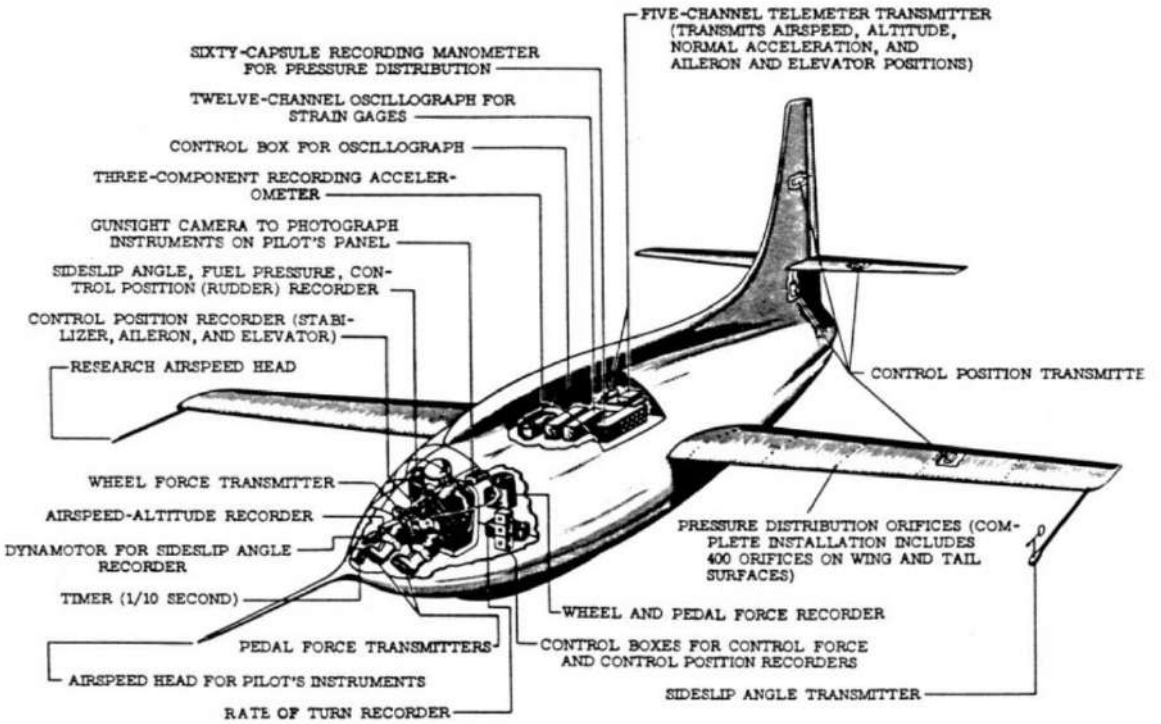
In other terms, the scientists knew in both cases that the engine of the loaned "S" aircraft had failed, but no one could determine the exact cause. The technological complexity of that exotic aircraft controlled by "symbolic instrumentation" seemed to be an important problem that would have caused many deaths among the test pilots. According to Cantwheel the primary cause of death of these pilots was mostly due to deficiencies in the security mechanisms during ejection procedures: [16]

SEVERAL TEST PILOTS WERE KILLED AS A RESULT OF DECOMPRESSION AND EJECTION. CAPSULE OR ESCAPE CYLINDERS WERE NOT DESIGNED FOR HIGH ALTITUDE EJECTIONS. AS A RESULT, ONE "S" CRAFT WAS LOST. THE

Cantwheel also relates in his letter of 1996 that there were other causes of death attributed to the “S” craft testing. It seems that the nuclear engine propulsion system of the “S” aircraft exposed the test pilots to deadly amounts of radiation during experiments:[17]

MATERIALS USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION BY HUGHES AIRCRAFT COMPANY FAILED TO PROTECT THE TEST PILOTS IN MAXIMUM THROTTLE SETTINGS AND EXPOSED THEM TO HIGH DOSE OF RADIATION WHICH RESULTED IN SERIOUS ILLNESS AND DEATH. TEST FLIGHTS CONTINUED OVER THE WSPG IN EARLY 1947 AT KIRTLAND AAF, AND AT ALAMOGORDO AAF TULAROSA RANGE WITH BETTER RESULTS TO FLIGHT PERFORMANCE, BUT EXPOSURE TO THE RADIATION FROM THE ATOMIC ENGINE CONTINUED. IN 1947, THE "S" CRAFT WAS MODIFIED TO CARRY ATOMIC WEAPONS OVER LONG DISTANCES. BUT HIGH ALTITUDE FLIGHT SIMULATIONS AND PILOT SURVIVABILITY WAS STILL A PROBLEM. BELL AIRCRAFT WAS GIVEN THE CONTRACT FOR A ROCKET-POWERED AIRCRAFT TEST BED TO RECORD FLIGHT DATA AT SUPERSONIC SPEEDS AS A PROBLEM SOLVING LABORATORY. DATA

In 1947 Bell Aircraft was approached by NACA and the Army Air Force to build an experimental aircraft able to go above the speed of sound. This is how the XS-1 came to be the first aircraft of the “X” series. On the whole, aircraft in the “X” series were experimental prototypes and their data served to increase the performances of other highly classified aircraft.[18] The fuselage of the XS-1 was designed as a .50 caliber bullet because it was the only known object able to cross the speed of sound and remain stable. On the recommendation of the Air Force, the XS-1 was built to incorporate supersonic data recording instruments (figure 16). These data would help the understanding of the reaction of the overall aircraft to supersonic speed as well as human physiology in this particular situation. On October 14, 1947, speed of sound barrier was officially crossed for the first time with an XS-1 aircraft flown by Captain Chuck Yeager of the U.S. Air Force.[19]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CONTROL POSITION TRANSMITTE
WHEEL FORCE TRANSMITTER
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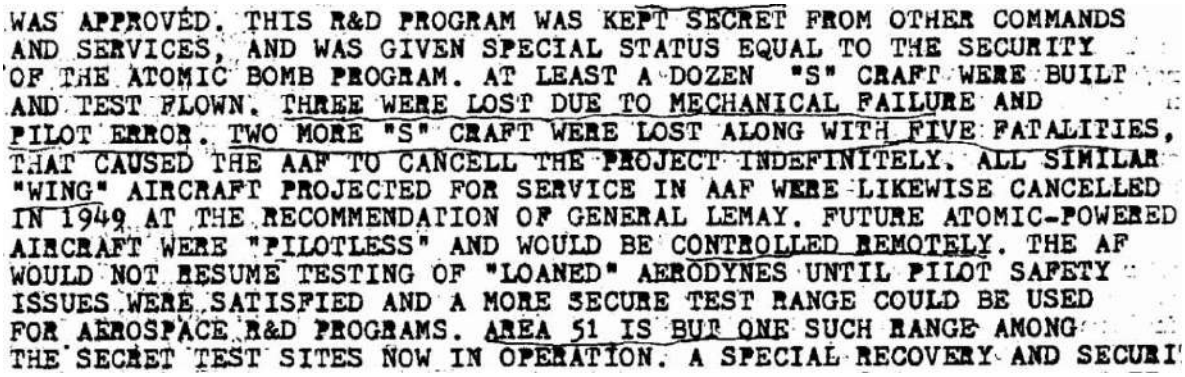
WHEEL AND PEDAL FORCE RECORDER
PEDAL FORCE TRANSMITTERS
CONTROL BOXES FOR CONTROL FORCE AND CONTROL POSITION RECORDERS
AIRSPEED HEAD FOR PILOT'S INSTRUMENTS
SIDESLIP ANGLE TRANSMITTER
RATE OF TURN RECORDER

Figure 16. XS-1 Bell Aircraft Rocket plane.[20]

However, this is only the official story, and it does not speak of the many pilots who died while testing experimental aircraft with nuclear propulsion systems and alien technology. According to testimonies of that time, it is probable that many military prototypes such as the Bell Aircraft XS-1 or the Air Force's "S" craft were some of the unidentified flying objects that were seen up in the sky after WWII by amazed witnesses:

"*While on night patrol, the pilot and his crew picked up an object on radar at about 200 mph. As he closed to intercept, the object speeded up to 1,200 mph, then slowed down again. Six times the crew tried to close on the UFO; each time, the object accelerated out of reach. On one pass the crew saw the object's silhouette, which looked "like a rifle bullet" twenty to thirty feet long. Intelligence reports indicated the UFO carried radar warning equipment, because it "seemed cognizant of the whereabouts of the F-61 at all times." The sighting certainly impressed itself upon the pilot, who stated that "in my opinion we were shown a new type of aircraft by some agency unknown to us*."[21]

This testimony stems from an observation made on October 16, 1948, by an F-61 pilot. According to the general characteristics of the first generation XS-1, we learn that despite being similar in size and shape to the previous description, it never exceeded speeds above 960 mph. Only when the second generation XS-1 models appeared in 1951 did they surpass such speeds.[22] It seems that what the F-61 pilot saw that night was rather another type of classified aircraft which could very well be the “S” craft. Also, according to Cantwheel’s letter of 1996:[23]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AND TEST FLOWN. THREE WERE LOST DUE TO MECHANICAL FAILURE AND
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Another way of saying it is that the “S” craft was one of a series of highly classified aircraft with a flight performance far superior to conventional airplanes. The use of new technologies that emerged from the study and application of alternative science such as reverse engineered downed alien crafts were a steppingstone for the future of space militarization. But to secretly and efficiently achieve the weaponization of space, the U.S. government needed to grab the world’s best scientists in this specific area of research.

The end of Nazi Germany not only left mayhem and destruction in Europe but there were also war chests for the Allies. Among them were the German scientists who worked on the development of Nazi war machines. Because of their knowledge acquired during the Second World War in experimental aeronautical research the German scientists were seen as highly valuable assets to the U.S. and USSR. They would soon be taken out of their home country and transported to secret military facilities in order to work on highly sensitive projects that would lead both the Americans and the Russians in the conquest of space.

Project Paperclip and the Weaponization of Space

"*Paperclip was a U.S. project to employ German scientists in sensitive military and space programs after World War II. This investigation reveals that evidence of Nazi activism and war crimes was suppressed in order to allow many of them to emigrate.*"

Linda Hunt, *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientist*, 1985.

Just before the end of WWII, the Allies realized the technological advancement that the German scientists had achieved. In his need for conquest, Hitler had opened the doors of experimental research in almost every domain of science. It may be in part because of this scattering that the Allies won the war? If research and development are good things to advance science during peace time, it can be dangerous during war. It requires a lot of financial resources as well as human ones, and the results are not always granted. In exotic aeronautical research it is almost impossible to know in advance how much time will be needed to come up with a working prototype. It is a gamble where you can win a lot or lose everything if things go south…

Contrary to Hitler's forces, the Allies played it safe by not putting as much energy in the development of experimental technologies except, of course, for the atomic bomb project. When war was over, the situation changed abruptly. The discovery of many underground facilities filled with all kinds of surprising aeronautic prototypes, some with unknown technologies, created quite a shock among the military higher ups. At the beginning of the Allies' occupation in Germany, the Americans and the Russians started elbowing each other to recover as much information as possible on technological advances the German had made; especially in aeronautics and space programs. After a while, they realized that the knowledge of the German scientists themselves were worth a lot more than tons of documents, which were of no value without someone to interpret them anyway. The hunt for German scientists was open on both the Russian and American sides. In March 1945, the Americans got lucky when a lab technician discovered a list of names in a blocked toilet at the University of Bonn in Germany. The technician quickly realized the importance of his discovery and gave the list to concerned authorities.

It went through the hands of the British MI6 Secret Services before finally ending up with U.S. Intelligence.[24] This precious list had been written by Werner Osenberg, chief scientist of the Nazi Military Research Association. Osenberg must have posted the list of the entire body of scientists mobilized all over the conquered territories under Hitler's orders around 1943 to repatriate them back to Peenemünde, then the main research and development facility for special weapons.[25] Thanks to this list, the Americans now had a good starting point to begin their research for special projects' scientists; particularly those involved in V weapons development. After capturing and interrogating a few scientists off Osenberg's list, the person in charge of the U.S. Intelligence suggested to his superiors that these individuals and their families be deported to the United States. The argument was to avoid the risk of leaving people possessing such important information to the hands of the Communists.[26] In fact, they wanted to bring these German scientists overseas for the very simple reason that they would gain almost ten years in military space technology research.

Additionally, in their secret military hangars, the Americans had some exotic aircraft that had crashed on their territory during the war, and they wanted to reverse engineer them. Since the Germans scientists already had some expertise in the domain, it was evident to the Americans that their deportation to the United States would give them a non-negligible strategic advantage over their new Communist enemy. Since the Russians seemed to be doing the same thing, it had to happen fast. In the spring of 1945, unhappy with the administrative delays, the U.S. Intelligence started illegally deporting German scientists to a secret prison in Fort Hunt.[27]

"*Herbert Wagner had been the chief missile design engineer for the Henschel Aircraft Company and, more importantly, the creator of the HS-293, the first German guided missiles used in combat during World War II. As of that moment, he and his two assistants were setting another historic precedent: they were the first German scientists to set foot on American soil at the end of the war*."[28]

At the beginning, bringing Nazi scientists into the United States was a highly clandestine operation. These illegal "immigrants" would soon end

up in secret military facilities working on above top-secret projects. The U.S. Intelligence had to wait until July 1945 before the deportation operation of the German scientists was officially authorized by Washington with the code name: Overcast.[29] The official version of the operation was to recover the best German scientists in order to help the Allies win the war against Japan. Even though the war was definitely over in August 1945, after the nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the leaders of the intelligence agencies involved in Overcast refused to end the operation. It was necessary to avoid losing those "brains" to the wrong hands. Many reasons were brought up to keep that operation running among which a possible communist invasion of territories occupied by the U.S. in Europe.[30] Faced with this "potential threat", the Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency refused to repatriate the German scientist to their homeland and pressured the U.S. government to not only deport other German scientists to America, but also extend the project to include members of the Nazi intelligence. The main argument was that they would be of capital importance to recognize the true intentions of the Communists since many Nazi agents had infiltrated their ranks during the war.[31]

From a strategic point of view, the development of secret technologies could not be separated from intelligence; both being closely entwined together. The reason for that is because while the scientists worked on a new technology, they had to keep intelligence services informed of their latest developments. That way, the secret services would be able to efficiently misinform the enemy by giving false information. On the other hand, the sharing of information gathered overseas by intelligence units would serve the need of these same scientists who would want to know the technological advancement of other infiltrated nations. President Harry Truman had to make a final decision on the matter and on September 3, 1946, Project Paperclip was officially approved. Truman's orders concerning this operation formally excluded anyone:

"*…to have been a member of the Nazi party and more than a nominal participant in its activities, or an active supporter of Nazism or militarism shall be brought to the U.S. hereunder*."[32]

The purpose of this policy signed by Truman himself would serve as a plausible deniability tool in case anything related to that project got public. That means that the U.S. President was well aware of the coming of Nazi scientists to American soil and the key role they were going to play in military black projects. Despite the insinuation of bringing only those who were not supporters of Nazism, it was almost impossible to do so since the German scientists from Osenberg's list were chosen not only for their knowledge, but above all, for their unshakable affiliation to Nazism. To overcome this detail, the U.S. Intelligence agencies had to use all kinds of strategies, from falsified documents to false testimonies, when members of their list had to appear before the court for war crime trials such as Nuremberg (figure 17).[33]

Figure 17. The Nuremberg Trial in 1946.

In all classified projects, having personnel with skeletons in their closets is a great advantage, as long as you know all the details of the hidden past of your subordinates. As for the Nazi scientists working on secret projects for the U.S. Army, it was important to know all the details of their occulted past. To guarantee their discretion, their employers only had to threaten to disclose such things as their war crimes or Nazi activism. The following tacit agreement occurred between the Nazi scientists and the leaders of U.S. black projects: "*Work for us and you will avoid the Nuremberg Trial".*

It was an easy choice for these scientists who would simply continue to work on the same projects as before, but for another government in another country. Under Paperclip, when these rules were finally established, the recruited German scientists received very high security clearance to work on highly sensitive projects. This *modus operandi* did not please other American scientists who complained about not having this kind of security clearance. On top of this, the wages of the German scientists were a lot less than their American counterparts.[34] The black project managers had everything to gain in this deal; highly competent scientists at low cost who would not leak or disclose anything about their work. Above all those advantages, some of those former Nazi scientists were many years ahead when it came to reverse engineering alien technologies. And it is precisely in this area of research that the U.S. military knew that they had to catch up:

"*And then we got a whole bunch more from the Germans after the war, because we brought—not only Von Braun—but, we brought Scharberger over here, and some of their electromagnetic people who were working on the UFOs. He gave us a jump on everybody else. The Russians took some people, too, but we had the main ones. Scharberger was out here in New Mexico, and he helped us in White Sands and other places around New Mexico*."[35]

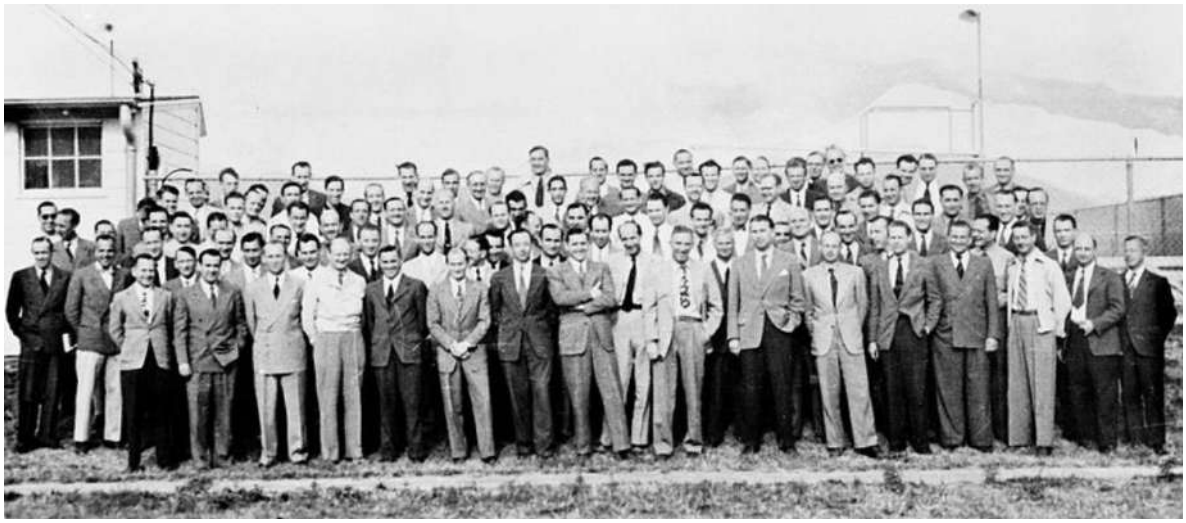


Figure 18. A group of 104 German Paperclip scientists in 1946 at Fort Bliss, Texas. 35 will go to White Sands in New Mexico. On the first row, Wernher von Braun seventh from the right.

From 1945 to 1990 more than 1600 German scientists were brought to the United States under Paperclip to work on classified projects in secret military facilities. Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio hosted 200 of them; since it was there that aircraft and aeronautical prototypes captured in Germany after the war were stored and tested. A group of German scientists was sent to Fort Bliss, Texas and another one to White Sands Proving Ground, New Mexico.[36] The infamous V-2 rockets recovered in Nazi underground facilities were tested at White Sands. At the time, the V-2 rocket technology was one of the most promising devices to exit Earth's atmosphere.

In these first years of the Space Race, the stakes were not to go to space for a joy ride, but rather to deploy nuclear weapons that could be launched worldwide rapidly. It would be the ultimate weapon of war that would assure America's military supremacy over the rest of the world. The Americans were not the only ones being helped by former Nazi scientists; the Russians too were taking advantage of the Germans' knowledge in Kapustin Jar near Stalingrad and in Kazakhstan from where was launched the first modified V-2 in 1946.

Those events were among the first visible ones of the Space Race. A race that would take place between these two superpowers and last until the complete militarization of space.[37] In June 1947, aware of this dangerous situation, Albert Einstein and Robert Oppenheimer took the initiative to send a six-page letter to Dr. Vannevar Bush, then director of the Joint Research and Development Board, and to General George C. Marshall, then Secretary of State. It was in their letter *Relationships with Inhabitants of Celestrial Bodies* that these two top scientists enunciated their view on the geopolitical upheaval that seemed to begin in the summer of 1947. Some concerns expressed in that draft were directly linked to UFO sightings and the risk of starting an accidental nuclear war with the USSR.

The potential dangers of sending atomic weapons into space were also discussed in the letter. Below is a brief excerpt of this interesting letter, which shows that Einstein and Oppenheimer knew that something had to be done regarding the UFO situation weeks before Roswell happened:

"*Military strategists foresee the use of space craft with nuclear warheads as the ultimate weapon of war. Even the deployment of artificial satellites for intelligence gathering and target selection is not far off. The military importance of space vehicles, satellites as well as rockets is indisputable, since they project war from the horizontal plane to the vertical plane in its fullest sense. Attack no longer comes from an exclusive direction, nor from a determined country, but from the sky, with the practical impossibility of determining who the aggressor is, how to intercept the attack, or how to effect immediate reprisals.*

These problems are compounded further by identification. How does the air defense radar operator identify, or more precisely, classify his target? At present, we can breathe a little easier knowing that slow-moving bombers are the mode of delivery of atomic bombs that can be detected by a long-range early warning radar. But what do we do in let's say ten years from now? When artificial satellites and missiles find their place in space, we must consider the potential threat that unidentified space craft pose. One must consider the fact that misidentification of these space craft for a intercontinental missile in a re-entry phase of flight could lead to accidental nuclear war with horrible consequences."[38]

Originally, it would appear that this letter was meant to be sent directly to President Truman. However, it had to go first through the chain of command where Dr. Bush as a scientific advisor and George C. Marshall as Secretary of State would have to decide what to do with it. Even if it was not clearly stated to the party concerned that the recommendation was to postpone space weaponization and suspend atomic bomb testing in order to avoid a nuclear holocaust, Bush and Marshall surely understood it that way. And concerning the recommendation of an agreement in this matter with the Russians, meaning that the U.S. military would have to disclose everything they know about UFOs, this idea did not seem to be acceptable either. In 1947, the Soviets did not have the atomic bomb nor a way to deliver it, therefore they were not yet a threat to the United States on that level. So why give them valuable intelligence regarding their most promising technological endeavor? Militarily speaking, it would probably have been a better play to know more about these alien visitors and their technology provided that they did not constitute an immediate threat to the country.

This is probably why Dr. Vannevar Bush refused to give that letter to the U.S. President even though the arguments presented were logical stating that:

"…*I hardly think that the President will consider it for the obvious reasons*."

and that:

"Marshall *rebuffed the idea of Oppenheimer discussing this with the President*."

Meaning that the subject was closed and there was no way these two scientists would interfere with their plans…While U.S. citizens were celebrating the end of WWII, Dr. Vannevar Bush and Secretary of State George C. Marshall knew that nothing was over yet. Only one nation could rule the world and to get there, the nuclear arsenal would need to be sufficiently developed to impose the threat of mass destruction over the Communists. Faced with this strategic superiority, the Russians would have no other choice but to abdicate their power to this new world's masters.

However, the USSR was a very large country, and the only way to conquer this vast territory was to rapidly deploy a great quantity of very powerful and undetectable weapons at once. The fleet of intercontinental ballistic missiles that were being assembled in New Mexico was a good starting point but launching them from silos located in the United States minimized the surprise effect since they could be detected from very far by the long-range Russian radar systems. On the other hand, deployment of nuclear heads orbiting Earth that could be launched from space would bring the expected result. That was this military strategic view that was expressed to the U.S. President by experts in 1947. It can be seen in the next excerpt taken from Twining's report: [39]

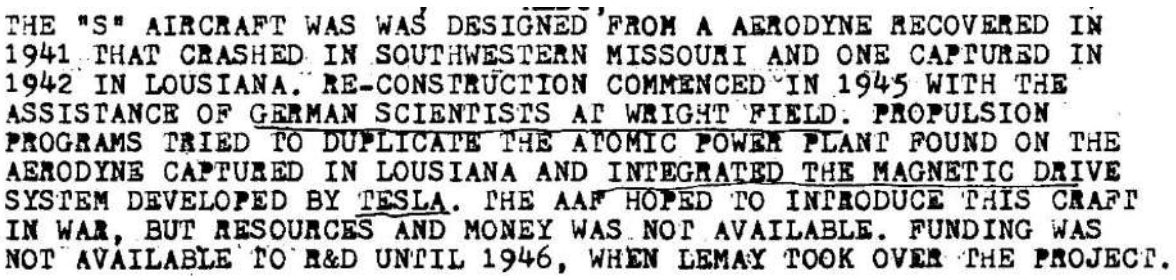
In the arena of nuclear weapons we feel there is a certain advantage to be gained [redacted] It is speculated by some that if reduced size and miniture circuitry were introduced into the proposed hydrogen bomb program, it would give US Strategic Air Forces a great deterance capability over the Russians. Current studies at MIT of micro-electronics taken from ULAT-1 may give us the strategic advantage so desired. It is strongly recommended that funding be allocated in this area.

But to accomplish this endeavor, more than a simple rocket was needed. What was needed was an aircraft able to reach space and stay there for an unlimited period of time. This aircraft needed to be powered by an energy efficient propulsion system different from anything already in existence. In the late forties, nuclear propulsion system was one of the most promising technologies that would accomplish this goal. It is no surprise that since that time, nuclear propulsion system technology was hidden within military classified projects. The ufologist and nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman had worked on many of these classified projects for the Air Force and the U.S. government; and from his own experience it seems that as soon as these projects began to yield interesting results they were cancelled for “political reasons”:

“*In 1946, the U.S. government established the NEPA (Nuclear Energy for the Propulsion of Aircraft) program, involving the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Fairchild Aviation Corporation. There were starts and stops in the program. Everyone recognized that if a suitable nuclear fission reactor could be operated in an airplane, it could replace the burning of jet fuel. The range would be unlimited. Refueling of the reactor might only be needed after a thousand or more hours of flight. Any place in the world would be within the range of a nuclear-powered bomber.*”[40]

It appears that after WWII, U.S. engineers, with the help of the German scientists, tried to replicate alien propulsion technology. NEPA’s research projects were in fact part of a highly classified reverse

engineering program whose goals were to build nuclear powered military spacecrafts. The “real thing” was then (and now) imbedded inside a black project’s structure where no one expects a selected few could work on developing alternative technology such as nuclear propulsion systems for deep space travel, fusion reactors and alien technologies. So says whistleblower Thomas Cantwheel former IPU operative in his 1996 letter:[41]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A brief verification of Lemay’s background confirms Cantwheel’s claims. Back from the war, Curtis Lemay was assigned to AMC Headquarters at Wright Field Patterson, Ohio and then was transferred to the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., where he became Deputy Chief of the Air Staff for Research & Development.[42] Not much is said about his assignment there, but we can easily assume that his involvement in R&D projects was not meant to be shouted out loud. What we know of Cantwheel’s account is that the Air Force’s Research & Development unit had tested aircraft that were going to be sent to space without anyone’s knowledge. At his first test in 1946, the “S” aircraft could rise vertically and reach altitudes of 90,000 feet at supersonic speeds.

This hybrid vehicle was nevertheless very difficult to maneuver, even for experienced pilots. Many test pilots were killed by the sudden decompression of their ejection capsule while attempting emergency procedures at high altitudes. Others died of an overexposure to the radiation produced by the atomic engine.[43] It was this engine that was propelling the aircraft at such high speed. Since the recovery of alien spacecraft in 1941 and 1942, scientists had particularly emphasized the conception of a nuclear engine due to the great amount of power it could develop and its autonomy that surpassed any other sources of energy available at that time. At the beginning of 1947, the improved “S” aircraft

was transferred from Ohio to New Mexico where better flight performances were recorded, but the radiation problem was not totally fixed.[44]

The “S” aircraft was sent to Alamogordo (now Holloman) sometime later and was stored in a B-29 hangar.[45] The subsequent tests of the “S” aircraft were done at White Sands Proving Ground. Even though the area was ideal to test top secret aircraft, an unexpected problem occurred. This strange phenomenon that was first mentioned in Einstein’s and Oppenheimer’s letter apparently did not appear to draw attention among the higher ups. In fact, it did... In the utmost secret, the commanders of several sensitive facilities located near White Sands Proving Ground were on high alert from about May 1947. On May 15, 1947, Lieutenant Colonel Turner, Commanding officer of White Sands Proving Ground reported an incident involving the flight of a V-2 missile and an unidentified flying object.

The radar technicians who were following the flight path of the V-2 in real time observed the arrival of another object flying fast directly towards the missile, which had reached an altitude of 65 kilometers. A few seconds later, the missile unexpectedly deviated from its course to crash at 40 degrees outside the pre-establish target.[46] It was not the first malfunction to occur since the beginning of the tests in 1946, but it was the first time that the crash of a V-2 was associated with the presence of a UFO. From a military point of view, such a deliberate act could only be due to sabotage, and where exists sabotage, exists enemies. On May 29, 1947, a Hermes-II ballistic missile was launched directly at a UFO flying over the base.[47] The missile was once again deviated from its course and crashed south of the border near a populated area of Mexico (figure 19).[48]

Figure 19. Left, a V-2 modified into a Hermes-II ballistic missile; right, the impact crater of the missile that was deviated from its original course on May 29, 1947, near Ciudad Juárez in Mexico.

I. Planned Future Rocket Development Programs

There have been a number of failed high-altitude rocket launches to study radiation effects on living organisms. The Air Force's Project BLOSSOM, conducted at Holloman AFB, is but one example. V-2 rocket launches at the White Sands Proving Ground, N.M., have been knocked down by undetermined jamming. The source of the jamming is believed to come from UFO sightings on or near the range. Guidance systems are believed to be vulnerable and this presents a clear and present danger. Such keeper flights carrying nuclear weapons are too horrific to contemplate. Shielding of systems and circuits are underway.

MAJESTIC TWELVE PROJECT, FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.[49]

Until new orders came, all rocket launch tests were suspended for the obvious reason that the military had to get rid of this undesirable “situation”. But the V-2 rockets were not the only tests going on in the area; the top secret “S” aircraft prototype was also being tested there and it had to be operational as soon as possible. The ultimate goal of these sensitive projects was evidently, to allow humans to go to space with a nuclear-powered aircraft that could be used as an atomic bomber.

But these new “visitors”, who a few years earlier had, probably against their will, provided the U.S. military with the means to develop the atomic bomb, had now apparently decided to intervene in the development process. Well aware of the situation, the Pentagon military commanders met to discuss a solution to this annoying airspace violation problem. In spring 1947, due to the high level of secrecy imposed by President Truman, Secretary of State Marshall and War Secretary Patterson, only a few individuals were aware of the existence of alien visitors and their possible intentions. Among these were Chief of Staff Generals and a few top scientists such as Einstein, Oppenheimer and, of course, Dr. Vannevar Bush who had been in the loop since the very beginning.

During these critical times, the world was in a secret Space Race between the United States and Soviet Union where the winner would have a strategic supremacy over the entire planet. Both sides were aware of this race, as was the third “uninvited” party that was involved one way or another. Space was a breaking point that would soon be crossed and from there a complete new geopolitical map would emerge. At the same time, the civilization from which the human species had “borrowed” the means for a technological jump seemed to worry about the possible outcome; especially after not one, but two atomic bombs were dropped on civilian populations in Japan in August 1945. No one was surprised at the increased interest from these aliens towards nuclear research and development facilities; they were most likely worried at the thought of humans traveling through space while armed to the teeth. The military, however, did not see it as a peaceful warning. For them it was a matter of national security that had to be solved by force and military strategy. Even facing an unknown enemy and their military capacities, the U.S. government of the time decided to take the risk of a war against an alien civilization in order to assure their strategic superiority over the rest of the world. From where they stood an about turn was not a viable option.

They were now too far ahead in their plans to change them because some flying discs were seen around sensitive military facilities. What could be done to take care of that problem? The President’s military-scientific expert committee should have a solution…

UFO Crashes and Recoveries, a Matter of National Security

Even though hundreds of crashed UFOs have been recorded over the entire North American continent, the Roswell events are surely the best known among them. July 4, 1947 was the beginning of a new era for America. The nation's patriotism had reached its height. Each American was proud of their country, their leaders and their military, until these particular events… In New Mexico, everything was set up for a large-scale operation. Large scale, because it consisted of shooting down alien crafts sometimes larger than a hundred feet in diameter, recovering them as well as their inhabitants dead or alive, and taking them to secret facilities; all without the civilian population's knowledge. This had to be done by a highly organized, specially trained group that could do its job without asking questions, and keep secret anything they saw, no matter what. To efficiently keep a secret of such proportions, security levels reached above top secret, and those who were fully aware of what was going on were on a need-to-know basis.

The higher you are in this kind of hierarchy, the more you know; the opposite is also true. Unfortunately, this way of doing things had the disadvantage of creating confusion when officers who were not in the loop, yet had some hierarchical status, were mistakenly involved in that kind of operation. This is exactly what happened in Roswell, and it had to be dealt with rapidly. In recovery operations anything unexpected can happen along the way, just like any other military operation. One of the main skills required of the officers – who had recently returned from the Second World War – was the ability to quickly adapt to new situations. They were therefore very qualified in crisis management and used to all kinds of pressures. The Army Air Force, who was, at the time, responsible for the cover-up operations, had to invest a lot of energy to quiet the media about these events, which had quickly taken gigantic proportions. The same officer who had declared having found the crash site of a flying saucer was forced to retract his allegations in a press conference organized by General Ramey some time later. His later statements to the press were that he had, in fact, found a weather balloon with the "real" debris that debunks the flying saucer story.

While Major Jesse Marcel was drawing the media's attention, other Air Force teams were in charge of recovering the alien crafts and their debris. The Army Air Force Intelligence and the Central Intelligence Group agents roamed the city for a few days to find and identify each witness of the incident and took great care to make sure no one would ever talk about what they heard or saw related to these events. For decades, hundreds of people who had been threatened by intelligence personnel kept secret what they had witnessed. When some of them began to talk to ufologists in the 80s, Pandora's Box opened. Their accounts reflect the information that we found in many documents related to the Roswell events.

Flying Saucers and Radar Technologies

."*They were interested as to why these things were crashing. And they found out that the radar testing in New Mexico was the cause of a lot of them that were crashing. When they would get too close to high-powered transmitters they would interfere with their guidance control and they would just crash. The other craft that crashed we had shot them down with our military weapons*."[50]

Testimony of A.H., April 2001.

It is in the early thirties that in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, a small group composed of scientists and engineers conceived the idea of an invention that would later become the microwave radar. After a conclusive demonstration of the long-range detection performances of this new invention to General Marshall and War Secretary Woodring, the Army ordered the construction of hundreds of SCR-270 radars from the Westinghouse firm in August 1940.[51] Six months later, 112 ready to use units were delivered.

The Army decided to install the first radar in vulnerable spots to air attacks such as island bases. Ironically, the one on the island of Pearl Harbor became operational the night before the surprise attack from Japan. The day of the raid, the technicians detected targets coming towards them, but the officers who were in charge refused to believe in such a possibility.[52] After the raid on Pearl Harbor, the Army understood

they had to combine the radar facilities to air defense systems and train their personnel properly. From its creation in May 1941, the OSRD, directed by Doctor Vannevar Bush, took charge of managing and coordinating the deployment of radar on American soil.[53]

From the end of 1941 to early 1942, the entire U.S. West Coast was protected by a radar network and each one of them could cover an effective range of 250 kilometers.[54] The East Coast was also protected by a radar network reaching from Iceland to the Southeastern U.S. However, some information related to these radar systems were highly confidential, such as the information about the microwave radar and the possible flight disruption of flying saucers. Notably, the high-power microwaves produced by the cavity magnetron, a device introduced by the British in the summer of 1940 during Tizard's scientific mission.[55] Given that these secondary effects of the microwave radar were kept secret among the higher ups, it is no coincidence that the first flying saucer to crash on American soil occurred at the same time that the first microwave radar devices were installed. It is therefore highly probable that the higher ups of the U.S. government were warned of these "side effects" by the British, who knew about them from their MI6 agents posted in Germany. The information pertaining to the possibility that radars could cause the crash of UFOs was one of the best kept secrets of the U.S. military-scientific group. They already knew that these objects were a scientific information gold mine and that their recovery would give them a considerable technological boost:

"*Not more than two-dozen UFOs had been retrieved by 1969 when I was briefed first. We were informed that there had only been a couple dozen tops- that there were several in the '40s and the early 50s. And to make it perfectly clear about those events that took place then, it sounds crazy but our radar wreaked havoc on the ET guidance systems and they had to make adjustments to their guidance systems for that*."[56]

Testimony of Sergeant Clifford Stone, April 2001.

Among the facts reported in Frank Scully's book, *Behind the Flying Saucers*, but mentioned very subtly in it, is that the U.S. scientists were doing preliminary studies of unknown magnetic principles right after

having put their hands on a flying saucer. In official historical documents, traces related to the studies done by the Department of Terrestrial Magnetism of the Carnegie University from 1942 to 1946 can be found.

These studies were conducted for the benefit of the Office of Scientific Research and Development directed by none other than Dr. Vannevar Bush.[57] Doctor Vannevar Bush's Special Committee on Non-Terrestrial Science and Technology probably had a good idea, as early as 1942, of the propulsion system of flying saucers and how to make them crash; this being, of course, after studying the recovered saucers that crashed in 1941 and 1942 and the many accounts about their flight characteristics. This means that, at the time, some of the high-ranking military and scientific personnel were informed that the microwave radar could disturb the electromagnetic field that sustains UFOs above ground. As the propulsion mode of flying saucers seemed based on electromagnetism, these scientists quickly understood they could disturb their flight by directing radar waves towards them. This unacknowledged side effect of radar technology was developed during the Second World War and kept secret from the public. This well-kept secret allowed those in the know to hunt down flying saucers to improve their own knowledge of deep space technology from recovered alien wreckage.

General Ramey's Countermeasures Operation

"*What happened was that we found out that high-powered radar would interfere with their stability, because we could watch the amplifiers and stabilizers come down when they were low and slow. Radar affected the UFOs when they were low and slow. We already knew that: we knew it before 1947, before they came down. Where was most of our radar? White Sands, and down at Roswell. Who was stationed at Roswell? The only nuclear bomb squadron in the world. So—they were interested, and we had a lot of radar there, because we were going to protect as much as we could. Well, we focused several big, powerful radars on them, and it caused two of them to run together*."[58]

Testimony of Master Sergeant Dan Morris, April 2001.

On June 3, 1947, Brigadier General Roger Ramey, Commanding Officer of the 8th Air Force in Forth Worth, Texas asked the Commanding Officer of White Sands Proving Grounds in New Mexico for a large-scale deployment exercise. His request concerned a radar countermeasures training program requiring the assistance and coordination of many radar facilities in the area.[59] During World War II, the entire bomber fleet of the 8th Air Force was equipped with radar countermeasure devices. The efficiency of this device was such that the Germans' anti-aircraft battery became completely useless against this USAF unit.[60] With the arrival of the Cold War and a new Communist enemy, the bomber units had to adapt to the frequencies of the Soviet's radar. The only problem was that they were still unknown to the U.S. military.

However, in 1947, the new game play was that the 8th Air Force's B-29 were now suited to transport and launch the atomic bomb. The countermeasures exercise in question was supposed to simulate a flight path that would cover a huge land territory like one could encounter in Russia and act the same way as if WWII hadn't ended. For that purpose, three southwestern U.S. states were chosen: Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. During this exercise, the pilots would have to fly the B-29 over this fictional enemy territory in order to neutralize any radar systems with their countermeasures device and then virtually drop nuclear heads on them. Since the specifications of the Russian radar were unknown, the tests had to be done on a large range of radar frequencies coming from devices available on the surrounding bases.

This summed up the official version of Brigadier General Ramey's countermeasures exercise. As expected, there is another version of the story; a version where this was no exercise, but a large-scale operation to put an extraterrestrial enemy out of the way, and to recover its technology at the same time. On June 12, 1947, the request for these countermeasures training was sent to the Rocket Branch of the Ordnance R&D Division's Chief in order to accommodate Brigadier General Ramey in his need for the latest development in radar technology that could be used in his countermeasure "exercise". Here is a redraft of the original document released under the Freedom of Information Act: [61]

WAR DEPARTMENT
ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT
WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUND
LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO

IN REPLY REFER TO

ORDBS 413.44 12 June 1947

SUBJECT: Request for Operation of Ground Radar Equipment for Radar Countermeasures Training

TO: Chief, Rocket Branch
Ordnance Research and Development Division
Office, Chief of Ordnance
Washington 25, D. C.

1. **Attached is a request from Headquarters Eighth Air Force, Fort Worth, Texas, dated 3 Jun 47, subject as above. It is forwarded to your office for information and appropriate action.**
2. **In reviewing the request set out in reference request, the following comments are made by this headquarters.**
3. **The radar equipment currently in use at White Sands Proving Ground is under the control of the Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories of the Office of the Chief Signal Officer. This equipment is modified SCR-584 designed to operate the AN/APN-55 beacon used in obtaining ballistic information from the missiles fired at this station. This equipment being of an experimental nature obviously is undergoing modifications and extensive testing procedures when not actually in use for a firing. It would, therefore, preclude any possible use by other agencies for procedures set out in subject request from headquarters Eighth Air Force.**
4. **Due to the nature of experimental electronic work being conducted by agencies here at White Sands Proving Ground, it would be extremely undesirable to have countermeasures activities in the vicinity of this station.**
5. **Because of accelerated test programs here at the Proving Ground, it would be extremely difficult to schedule in advance the training flights as requested in paragraph 3 of request from Headquarters Eighth Air Force.**
6. **If the operation of such countermeasures should be scheduled for the White Sands Proving Ground, the rocket test program being carried on here at White Sands would be impeded.**

HAROLD R. TURNER
Lt Col, Ord Dept
Commanding

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to CO, SWPG Dtd
3 Jun 47

In simple terms, the answer was “no”, because the radar as well as White Sands Proving Grounds facilities were already being used to their full capacity (figure 20). As for the ongoing program and its overbooked schedule, that had to do with the V-2 rocket testing as seen in the previous chapter. At that time, the last V-2 missile to fly had been launched on May 29, 1947 and crashed near a Mexican cemetery. That unfortunate event occurred after the missile would have been veered off course by a UFO. It is highly probable that the intensive radar tracking activities in the area could be used for something other than V-2 rockets sighting. Maybe it was to keep UFOs away of sensitive facilities? We have seen previously that New Mexico and the surroundings were indeed a hot spot for above top-secret R & D facilities. If we dig further into this investigation and look into documents related to these well-hidden secrets, we find many links that put the real events altogether.

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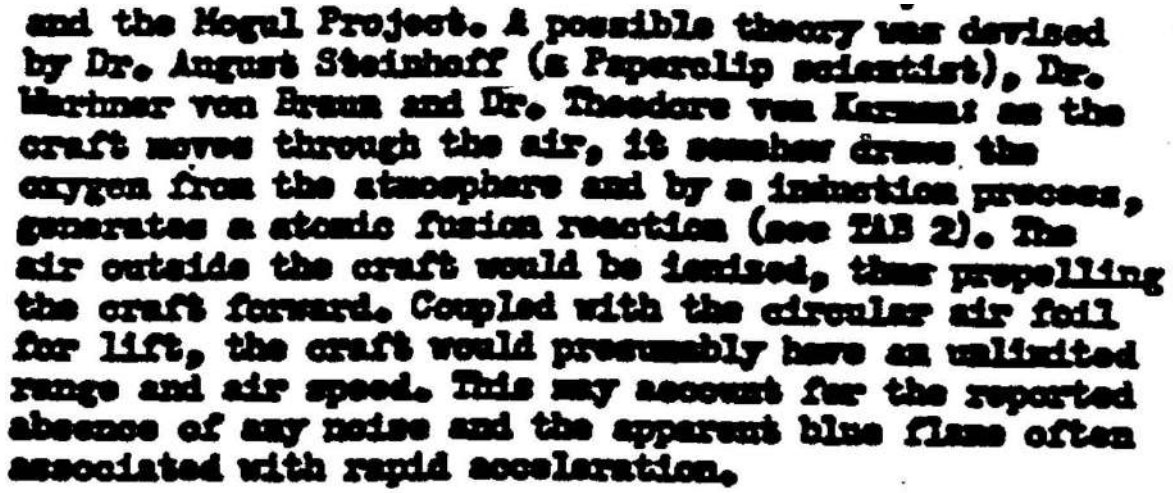
RADAR TRACKING SITE (WSPG, N.M.)
Panoramic View . Showing Radar Sets SCR-584
Used to Track Missiles in Conjunction with Tracking Beacon AN/APN-55
Slave Radar Station in Foreground, Master Radar Station in Background
DATE 9-5-47
SIGNAL CORPS ENGINEERING LABORATORIES
NO SCEL 21607
Source: H. W. Andrews from Zahl papers.

Figure 20. Radar detection unit, White Sands New Mexico, 1947.[62]

The classified world is a small one and that is why it is normal to see the names of people involved in above top-secret programs popping up again and again in some sensitive documents. There is one interesting document, the *MJ12 Fifth Annual Report*, where we can see in section 22 that Doctor Theodore von Karman chaired an important UFO related meeting around the same time as Ramey's request: [63]

22. On June 15 1947, Dr. Theodore von Karman chaired the first meeting of the SAB and discussed how the Air Forces could prepare for a possible air attack in light of the numerous UFO sightings over the U.S.

Theodore von Karman was a Hungarian aerospace engineer whose expertise was in aeronautics and astronautics. He is known for his work in the field of aerodynamic and hypersonic airflow. He, as well as other scientists who were then put in charge of sensitive projects, looked into UFO sighting reports so they could understand their functioning. It seems that, in the late forties, doctor von Karman was tasked by the U.S. Army Air Force as their main scientific advisor to understand the propulsion system of UFOs. In the next excerpt taken from the document *Air Accident Report on Flying disc aircraft near White Sands Proving Ground New Mexico* we can see one of its hidden legacies to the classified world: [64]


and the Mogul Project. A possible theory was devised by Dr. August Steinhoff (a Paperclip scientist), Dr. Wernher von Braun and Dr. Theodore von Karman: as the craft moves through the air, it somehow draws the oxygen from the atmosphere and by a induction process, generates a atomic fusion reaction (see TAB 2). The air outside the craft would be ionized, thus propelling the craft forward. Coupled with the circular air foil for lift, the craft would presumably have an unlimited range and air speed. This may account for the reported absence of any noise and the apparent blue flame often associated with rapid acceleration.

Even though the preceding description is taken from the subsequent study of unknown aircraft recovered in New Mexico in July 1947, it is highly probable that his theory was already known before these events. Officially, magneto hydrodynamics (or MHD) had been known since 1942 because of the work of the Swedish physician Hannes Alfven.[65]

This scientist had, as early as 1937, approached the subject of energetic line forces that travel through the entire universe and from which energy could be “pumped” for deep space travel.[66] Doctor Alfven’s name figures in a CIA document with the interesting title *Analysis of the Corona and Oscura Peak N.M. Wreckage of Unidentified Lenticular Aerodyne Technology* dated October 30, 1950, in which we can see his contribution in a theory applied to space travel:[67]

4. Dr. Hannes Alfven has been consulted due to his work in electrically conducting fluids in magnetic fields. Analysis of the fusion reactor and the surface tension qualities of the outer skin of the aerodyne suggested that the craft moves through the air by [redacted] It is believed that the craft travels through space by utilizing an ionizing plasma and the planet's magnetic lines of force flowing into the atmosphere. This may help explain how the fusion reactor can function in a space enviroment.

The censored part refers to the term “magneto hydrodynamics” because the technology related to the propulsion of interplanetary spacecraft was highly classified, as it still is today. Another interesting part of that CIA document leads us to believe that Doctor von Karman was well aware of the Roswell crash and was working hard to understand the physics behind UFOs. Despite the blacked out name we can easily deduce that the USAF Doctor here was Theodore von Karman: [68]

2. Dr. [redacted] USAF Scientific Advisory Board, has developed a theoretical analysis of the flight dynamics of the unidentified lenticular-shaped planform aerodyne recovered from a crash site near [redacted] July 1947. [redacted] submitted a working equation under the following assumptions:

a. The viscosity of the fluid flow can be neglected.

b. The pressure is a given function of the air density.

c. The flow is a vortexless motion.

If in 1950, Alfven and von Karman were consulted by the CIA to understand the propulsion system of the recovered UFOs with the final goal of reproducing it, in the summer of 1947, the scientist’s expertise was then needed to prevent an air attack from them.

The operation would have been supported by some experimental aircraft that was also equipped with microwave devices; the “S” aircraft maybe? If we take a good look at the information that relates to events just before the Roswell crash, it seems that Brigadier General Ramey’s countermeasures operation could have been a secret UFO hunt that was supported by many microwave radar devices spread all over the southwestern U.S. In June 23, 1947, Ramey’s request was finally

submitted to the Commanding General of the Army Air Force with the following mention from the Office of the Chief of Ordnance:

"*This office has no objections to the conduct of radar countermeasure training in this area by the Eighth Air Force with AAF radar equipment at the Alamogordo Air Base, provided that it is conducted on non-missile firing days. A tentative schedule of White Sands Proving Ground firings is attached. Coordination between the Commanding Officer, White Sands Proving Ground and Commanding Officer, Alamogordo Air Base could be set up to take care of changes in the firing schedule*."[69]

When we look at the listing of the V-2 test launch, we see that there was one on May 29 (in fact this was the one that crashed in Mexico because of a UFO) and the next one would be launched on July 10, 1947, just one week after the Roswell events.[70] So, it seems that something was going on around White Sands Proving Ground from the end of May to the beginning of July because no test launches were done during that time period. Could it be UFO surveillance? It looks like it. Unfortunately, no other document officially confirms whether Brigadier General Ramey's countermeasures operation really occurred as planned.

However, in the IPU's intelligence summary dated July 22, 1947, there are some details relating to the use of several radars between June 29 and July 4, 1947, to track UFOs that were flying around. We also learn that a V-2 test launch was scheduled but it seems that it was cancelled for obvious reasons: [71]

5. Interviews with radar operaters and officers from the Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories, Fort Monmouth, N.J. were tracking these objects on-and-off since June 29 from Station "A", all indicated that these targets had periodically remained stationary for minutes at a time, then would resume thier original course, flying from the southeast to northwest. SCEL antennas had locked onto a flight of three objects on 3 July and lost them around 2330 MST on 4 July (a V-2 was scheduled for launch which is why SCEL Station "A" was able to do a track). It has been learned that at least six radar stations in east Texas (see detailed report in attchment A), and radar stations at Alamogordo AAF and Kirtland AAF, had also picked up these objects on the 4th as well. Using topographical maps and triangularization, a last known position and bearing was calculated which helped search parties to locate the general area. Detachment 3 of the 9393rd Technical Services Unit, assigned to Alamogordo AAF, was responsible for the locating and transportation of the large sections of the craft.

When all this information is put together, the previously seen testimony of Lt Colonel Richard French, in which he maintains that one of the Roswell UFOs was taken down by an experimental aircraft, makes sense.[72] It seems obvious, after looking at all the available evidence and by comparing them to reliable testimonies, that the Roswell events were no accident and were carefully orchestrated by high-ranking military strategists. For the sake of secrecy, every step of the overall operation had to be compartmentalized and done on a need-to-know basis. In other words, many militaries participated in this operation without even knowing what really happened. Each of them had a piece of information, but only a few had an overview of the event. According to the *MJ12 Fifth Annual Report*, where part of it relates to the Roswell cover-up:[73.]

December, 1950) in the ULATT EXPLOITATION-MAJESTIC SERIES. The coverage of the New Mexico incidents, from the over-all intelligence point of view, has been very good. (After the Panel's review was initiated,

And according to Colonel Phillip Corso, author of the book *The Day After Roswell*, Brigadier General Ramey was deeply involved in the Roswell cover-up:

"*The cover story was easy. General Ramey ordered Maj. Jesse Marcel to recant his "flying saucer" story and pose for a news photo with debris from a weather balloon, which he described as the wreckage the retrieval team recovered from outside Roswell. Marcel followed orders and the flying saucer officially became a weather balloon. The silencing of military witnesses was also accomplished easily enough through top-down orders from General Ramey to everyone at the 509th and at Fort Bliss to deny that they were a part of any operation to recover anything other than a balloon. Once the material left Ramey's command and arrived at Lt. Gen. Nathan P. Twining's Air Materiel Command at Wright Field, all General Ramey had to do was keep denying what he was already denying and it was no longer his responsibility. Now it belonged to General Twining, from whose desk a whole new era of army involvement with the Roswell material began.*

General Ramey treated the incident as a threat to national security and deployed whatever forces he could to bring the material back for evaluation and to suppress any rumors that might light a brushfire of panic. Therefore, Ramey used the counter intelligence personnel already posted to the 509th and ordered them deployed into the civilian community as well as the military to use any means necessary to suppress the story of the crash and retrieval. No news should be allowed to get out, no speculation was to be tolerated, and the story already circulating about a crashed flying saucer had to be quashed. By the next morning, July 8, the suppression of the crash story was in full operation."[74]

Phillip Corso died of a heart attack in July 1998, a year after the release of his book. His many positions within the military (Chief of Counterintelligence Corps, Staff of Eisenhower's National Security Council and Chief of the Pentagon's Foreign Technology desk in Army

R&D) lead us to believe that a great part of his account is genuine and reliable.

Among some of his claims, Corso said that there was indeed a secret space program, but its real goal was to force the extraterrestrials to change their strategies towards this planet. This had to be done in such a secretive way that only a handful of people would know the real issue of these actions. Why the secret? The main argument about it is always the avoidance of chaos and panic among the public who would not stand the fact of hostile extraterrestrial presence. In order to do so, the military only needed to maintain the secret of all the extraterrestrial technologies that had been recovered and reverse engineer them into space weapons against that alien threat. And that is precisely what the leaders of the U.S. government did immediately after the events that occurred in New Mexico in the summer of 1947.

CHAPTER IV
AFTER ROSWELL

At the end of the forties, while the United States citizens were convinced that the U.S. government was spending their money protecting them against the Communists, the Truman administration was actually busy developing highly sophisticated technologies. The Second World War had been rich in UFO events of all kinds, the several military scientific committees that were kept busy developing new weapons saw in them a great potential ready to be exploited. Doctor Vannevar Bush did not forget President Roosevelt's engagement made in 1944 concerning the establishment of a non-terrestrial science research project once the war would be over.[1] Patient and strategic, Doctor Bush waited for the right moment to announce his proposition to the new President Harry Truman. On July 5, 1947, amidst the Roswell events, Bush sent a letter to President Truman asking for a research project on non-terrestrial science to begin as soon as possible (figures 21a and 21b).

Referring "to the events of this summer", Vannevar Bush explained that his special committee on non-terrestrial science and technology had accumulated a lot of information on the subject and that he wanted, along with his members, to participate in the elaboration of the politics for scientific research on a national scale. Just as with the creation of the National Defense Research Committee (NDRC), Bush took advantage of a crisis situation to set up a structure of control and then lead it. Just like Roosevelt did in 1940, Truman authorized the creation of a new research committee and opened the door to Dr. Bush's recommendations. Thanks to this new committee and to the substantial budgets that came with it, Vannevar Bush became the leader of one of the most secret and powerful committees in U.S. military technological research history.

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Office of Scientific Research and Development
1530 P Street, NW.
Washington 25. D.C.

July 5. 1947

Dear Mr. President:

In April 1944 letter President Roosevelt requested my recommendations on the following points:

(1) What can be done, consistent with military security, and with the prior approval of the military authorities, to make known to the [illegible] as soon as possible the contributions which have been made during our war effort to scientific knowledge?

(2) With particular reference to the war of science against foreign technology, what can be done now to organize a program for continuing in the future the work which has been done?

(3) What can the Government do now and in the future to aid research activities by private organizations?

(4) Can an effective program be proposed for discovering and developing scientific talent in America so that the continuing future of scientific research in this country may be assured on a level comparable to what has been done during the war?

It is clear from President Roosevelt's letter that in speaking of science he had in mind the non-terrestrial sciences, including biology and physics, and I have so interpreted his questions. Progress in other fields, such as material fabrication, is likewise important; but the program for non-terrestrial science in my report warrants immediate attention.

In seeking answers to President Roosevelt's questions I have had the assistance of distinguished committees specially qualified to advise in respect to these subjects. The committees have given these matters the serious attention in light of recent developments; indeed, they

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Figure 21a. Page 1 of Vannevar Bush's letter: July 5, 1947.[2]

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have regarded this as an opportunity to participate in shaping the policy with reference to scientific research. They have had many meetings since the events of this summer began to present more challenges and have submitted formal reports. I have been in close touch with the work of the committees and with their members throughout. I have examined all the data they assembled and the suggestions they submitted on the points in President Roosevelt's letter.

Although the report which I submit herewith is my own, the facts, conclusions, and recommendations are based on the findings of the committees which have studied these questions. Since my report is necessarily brief, I am including as appendices the full reports of the committees.

A single mechanism for implementing the recommendations of the several committees is essential. In proposing such a mechanism I have departed somewhat from the specific recommendations of the committees, but I have since been assured that the plan I am proposing is fully acceptable to committee members.

The rewards of such exploration for the Nation and the individual are great. Scientific progress is one essential key to our security as a nation, to our better health, to more jobs, to a higher standard of living, and to our cultural progress.

Respectfully yours,

Vannevar Bush

Vannevar Bush, Director

The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Very sincerely yours,

cc: Hon. Harry S. Truman

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Figure 21b. Page 2 of Vannevar Bush's letter: July 5, 1947.[3]

The National Security Act of July 1947

"*Amid the flying saucer mayhem, the U.S. government passed the National Security Act on July 26, 1947. This created a unified National Military Establishment (NME), a National Security Council (NSC) and a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). – It unified the armed forces under the authority of a Secretary of Defense, and scrapped the old, more honest, title of secretary of War. James Vincent Forrestal, former Secretary of the Navy, became the nation's first SecDef*."[4]

Richard Dolan, *UFOs and the National Security State*.

The passage of the National Security Act put an end to the long debate concerning the intelligence structure under Roosevelt's administration since the beginning of the Second World War. In July 1941, on William Donovan's recommendations (Donovan had studied the structure of the British Intelligence in-depth) President Roosevelt put in place the Office of the Coordinator of Information (OCI) with Donovan in charge. This first central intelligence agency, whose director answered only to the President, was tasked with collecting and coordinating the entire civilian and military intelligence on an international level. Unfortunately, the FBI as well as the military intelligence community were vigorously opposed to such a structure because it was placed above them. They saw in this new organization a form of control from the President because that gave him too much power to oversee all intelligence.[5] The Joint Chiefs of Staff, reluctant at first to have a civilian like Donovan run this organization, finally accepted the proposition, as long as Donovan and his organization were under their control. Donovan conceived a plan to place the OCI under the Joint Chiefs of Staff Generals' govern, but in such a way that the organization could maintain its independence while having the full cooperation of the military. President Roosevelt answered the Joint Chiefs of Staff Generals' requests to put OCI under their orders, but nonetheless asked for an intelligence unit that would be completely outside any military control.[6]

On June 13, 1942, President Roosevelt created the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) and once again assigned William Donovan as director. Only one month after this nomination, the members of the State

Department and of the Army tried to stop the OSS from accessing secret information coming from the surveillance of Axis countries obtained by their intelligence services. The OSS and its agents then had to create their own spying network to oversee the collection of intelligence in Europe. This network became, over time, a true clandestine system of global surveillance. The OSS efficiency in matter of foreign intelligence was such that this new unit created solid relationships with the British Military Intelligence. This alliance, which lasted until the end of the Second World War made the collection of information on Axis countries much easier during the conflict.[7] By the end of the War, Donovan's old rivals were afraid he would create a new civilian intelligence organization like the OSS during peacetime. What they were really afraid of was that this organization would be placed above the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The arrival of Harry Truman as new president after Roosevelt's death was the beginning of the end for the OSS. President Truman, who had no obligation towards Donovan or the OSS, decided to shut down this organization.

On October 1, 1945, under Donovan's protests, the OSS was dismantled, and its assets handed over to the War and State Departments. Despite OSS definitive closure, Truman was very conscious of the strategic importance of a central intelligence agency that would continue to collect and control information in peacetime.[8] The National Security Act of July 26, 1947, was thus the result of a long process that was progressively put in place by President Truman after the Second World War. Truman was informed of the competition between the different arms of the army and of the coordination problems in the collection of classified information. In the post-war context, many officers had acquired power and were used to acting without the consent of civilian authorities. President Truman though, who had never been in the military himself, was nevertheless the Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Army and the Joint Chiefs of Staff Generals were thus under his orders. One of the major problems Truman encountered right from the beginning of his mandate was the coordination of the different military intelligence services.

Each intelligence unit was sealed tight and gave no authority outside their own military hierarchy. In order to remedy this situation, President

Harry Truman installed a new government structure that would oversee all the intelligence services, as hoped by his predecessor. In January 1946, Truman created the National Intelligence Authority in which the Secretary of State (James F. Byrnes), the War Secretary (Robert B. Patterson), the Secretary of the Navy (James Vincent Forrestal) as well as the Chief of Staff of the Army (Dwight D. Eisenhower) were part of.[9] They were part of the intimate circle that would control any UFO-related information. A new intelligence organization also emerged, the Central Intelligence Group (CIG) successor of the OSS and forerunner of the CIA. Admiral Sidney Souers was the first director of central intelligence (DCI) and his mandate was to coordinate and collect information among all the U.S. intelligence units. Outside the Communist question, the ultimate objective of this structure was the absolute control of information relating to UFOs on the national and international level. It was also for a better coordination of the intelligence related to all ongoing classified projects from each army arm; this to alleviate all confusion between any extraterrestrial craft and classified prototypes being developed. Already at that time, the subject of flying saucers was part of the best-kept military secrets within the hidden government elite. These people had decided during the War that all information related to extraterrestrial reality as well as any new exotic technologies would never be disclosed to anyone outside those already involved and that it would remain a State secret.

Anyone outside this restricted circle of people needing to work on one part or another of these projects was on a “need to know” basis. As you may remember, “need to know” means that one is made aware of only the necessary parts of a project that he has been tasked with and he may not discuss or question anyone on the matter. When some people are subject to know more than their security level allows, the intelligence officers ensure their discretion by making them sign confidentiality agreements. Very large fines were expected for anyone willing to violate this agreement, and for the most reckless not discouraged by the financial deterrent aspect, they would be threatened, mistreated or eliminated…

In this environment, there is no room for error. This intelligence control structure, which President Truman was struggling to establish its

authority, was attributed the highest security classification known in military history. UFOs and extraterrestrial reality cover-up operations needed many resources as well as an exceptionally structured organization.

"*The UFO cover-up (precisely the right phrase) is one secret among many within the American national security state. Like other areas within its domain, the UFO problem has been handled secretly, with great deception, and with significant resources. The secrecy stems from a pervasive and fundamental element of life in our world, that those who are at the top of the heap will always take whatever steps are necessary to maintain status quo*."[10]

Richard Dolan, *UFOs and the National Security State*.

The pyramidal structure of the organizations responsible for this subtle control made the compartmentalization of information easier and benefitted the people at the top. In other words, the higher you were in that hierarchy, the better your chances of being aware of what was really happening and able to profit from it. So, if you want absolute control, you have to identify, or create, a structure, put yourself at its head and then impose your authority. This method is in no way democratic but was applied since the beginning of the Second World War, so it was for the intelligence structure as for black programs. The Second World War's main lesson was that a country with marked superior technology can take control of the world. Hitler could see it, but the Allies did not leave him enough time to put his real war machine into action. Thus, the real stakes of the war were on a technological level, but to be a real strategic advantage, the new technology recently developed could not be found at the hands of the enemy. To be efficient, the overall classified technological research projects had to be under the control of one individual, who would be the only one to have a global vision of the entire development projects thanks to compartmentalization. This individual needed to have real-time access to the information coming from each intelligence service and be involved in the committees having the highest security levels in the country.

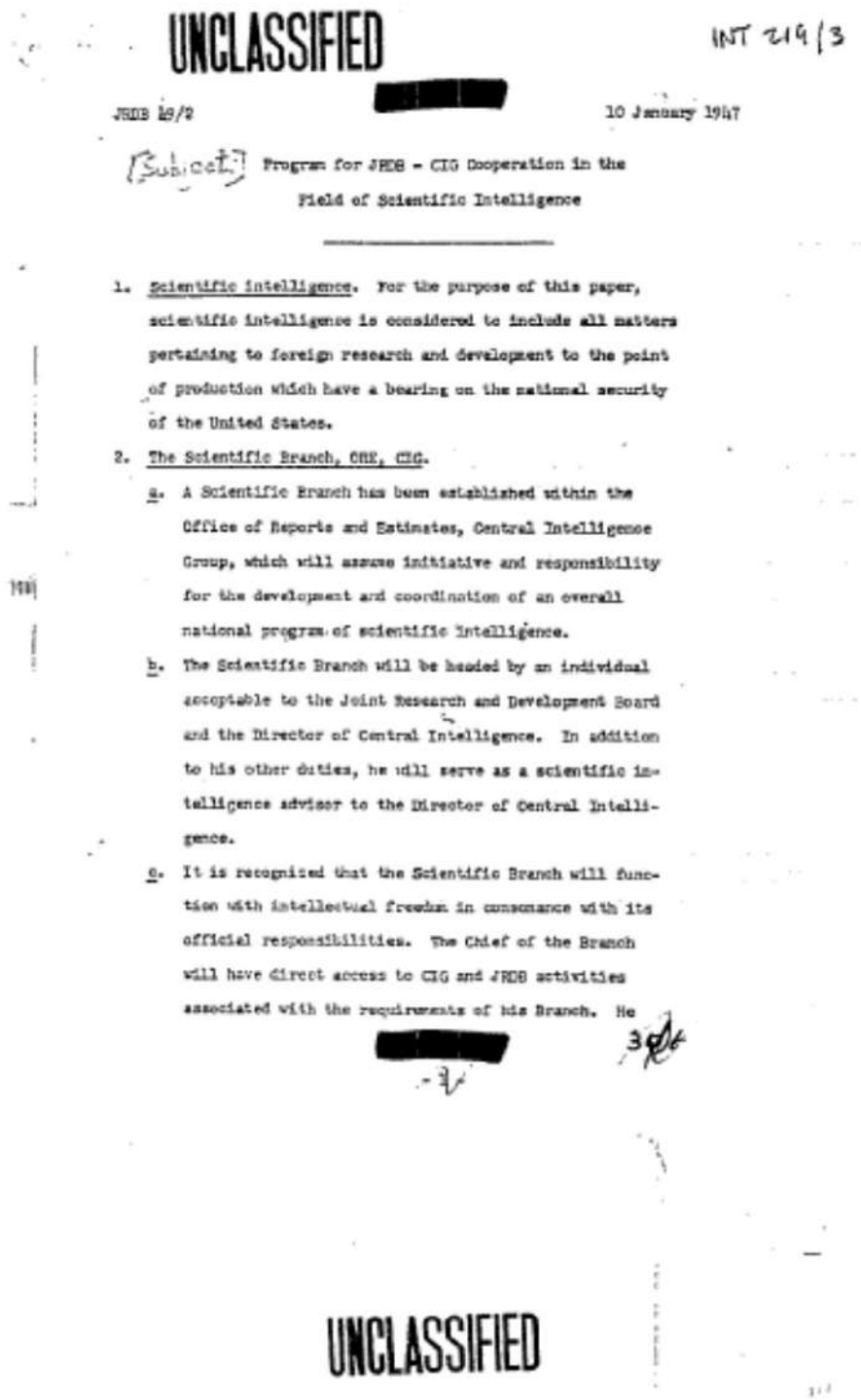
Since he had put in place such an organization and had established his authority in matters of military scientific development, Doctor Vannavar Bush occupied this function during the entire Second World War. Now that the war was over, Doctor Bush knew that his organization, the Office of Scientific Research and Development, would soon be dismantled since it had no reason to exist in peacetime. Aware of the situation, the Joint Chiefs of Staff were looking for a way to put in place a new organization that would continue the work on military scientific R&D already started by OSRD. The breakthrough made by Dr. Vannevar Bush in many high-tech sectors, as well as the promising future developments of the exotic technologies they possessed, were the reason for the creation of a new joint military committee for research and development. On June 6, 1946, Vannevar Bush was named director of the Joint Research and Development Board (JRDB).[11] This discrete organization under the govern of the War and Navy Departments developed many technologies from reverse engineering of extraterrestrial spacecraft recovered on American soil (figure 22). Most of these highly classified technologies would soon have space military applications.[12]

Figure 22. Joint Research and Development Board meeting, February 11, 1948. From left to right: Major General L. C. Craigie, General Joseph T. McNarney, General Jacob L. Devers, Doctor Vannevar Bush (Director of the board), Rear Admiral E. W. Mills, Rear Admiral J. D. Price and Lieutenant General H. S. Arnold.

On October 7, 1946, the JRDB published a document entitled: *JOINT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD RULES OF ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES*,[13] in which the entire procedure for the establishment of the committee and its executive structure as well as its internal politics were outlined. Since the JRDB would become the new military scientific research organization taking care of classified technologies, it would be necessary to have the complete cooperation of the intelligence community; particularly the CIG, because it was created to oversee the entire military and civilian intelligence.

Therefore, it is not surprising to see in the list of JRDB members a representative from the Central Intelligence Group.[14] The post-war restructuration also touched the intelligence services. The CIG, which was trying to establish its authority, welcomed a new director only five months after its creation. In June 1946, Lieutenant General Hoyt Vandenberg became the second DCI replacing Admiral Souers.[15] Because he was constantly in contact with the intelligence operations, Lieutenant General Vandenberg had been responsible for training all OSS agents during the Second War.[16] He was therefore seen among the Chiefs of Staff as a reference and authority in intelligence matters. Vandenberg was also among those who believed that the centralization of intelligence under one entity was necessary for an effective coordination of classified information. Because some organizations, such as the Office of Naval Intelligence, were reluctant to integrate a new centralized structure, the new director needed to be both diplomatic and authoritarian to accomplish such a task. By placing Lieutenant General Vandenberg at the head of the CIG, the members of the National Intelligence Authority knew they had made a first step in the right direction.[17] By the end of 1946, with this new structure in place, the American government was ready to deal with UFO intelligence on a national scale. The CIG obtained the authority to run psychological warfare and to conduct clandestine operations in relation to extraterrestrial reality, UFOs and the military technological potential they could gain from them.[18] Sighting reports began to be secretly compiled by this organization right from the beginning of 1947.[19] Vandenberg's centralizing vision went along with that of Dr. Bush, who welcomed his nomination as the new DCI.

On January 10, 1947, after a few meetings, Lieutenant General Vandenberg agreed with Dr. Bush on a cooperation program between his intelligence agency and the JRDB (figure 23).[20] This agreement was absolutely necessary since it would allow the intelligence services to recognize the different military aircraft prototypes being developed that could be identified as UFOs, and therefore avoid any mistakes. As for Bush's JRDB, it would obtain a maximum of technical intelligence from the collection of UFO information the CIG had, while being informed of recovery operations when they occur. On top of the many intelligence units attributed to the collection of information from civilian and military sources, teams charged with the recovery of UFO wrecks and/or ultra-secret experimental prototypes were also under the CIG. These special teams (Blue Team) were under the responsibility of the Air Technical Service Command (ATSC)[21], directed by none other than Lieutenant General Twining. Twining would be sent to New Mexico by Headquarters to shed some light on the Roswell events of July 1947.



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[Subject] Program for JRDB - CIG Cooperation in the Field of Scientific Intelligence

1. Scientific Intelligence. For the purpose of this paper, scientific intelligence is considered to include all matters pertaining to foreign research and development to the point of production which have a bearing on the national security of the United States.

2. The Scientific Branch, ORE, CIG.

a. A Scientific Branch has been established within the Office of Reports and Estimates, Central Intelligence Group, which will assume initiative and responsibility for the development and coordination of an overall national program of scientific intelligence.

b. The Scientific Branch will be headed by an individual acceptable to the Joint Research and Development Board and the Director of Central Intelligence. In addition to his other duties, he will serve as a scientific intelligence advisor to the Director of Central Intelligence.

c. It is recognized that the Scientific Branch will function with intellectual freedom in consonance with its official responsibilities. The Chief of the Branch will have direct access to CIG and JRDB activities associated with the requirements of his Branch. He

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Figure 23. Page 1 of the document: *Program for JRDB – CIG Cooperation in the field of Scientific Intelligence*, January 10, 1947.

Lieutenant General Twining's Report

The same week Dr. Bush sent President Truman a letter asking him to put in place a non-terrestrial science development project, Lieutenant General Twining, surrounded by a team of experts, was on his way to New Mexico to meet each unit involved in the recovery of debris and extraterrestrial bodies from a crashed UFO.[22] Twining's mission lasted two months, during which he met with many specialized scientists and military who helped him get a good overview of the situation while suggesting many recommendations concerning future actions.[23] Here is a brief excerpt of that report explaining the situation about Twining's mission:

2. On 19 September 1947, the IAC, JIOA, and the JIC, reviewed a Top Secret intelligence report titled REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT, 1947, PARTS I-V, MAJIC EYES ONLY, DTG 000190947, the report mentions: "In compliance with your directive . . . of 9 July 1947, the attached "REPORT ON FLYING SAUCERS" is respectfully submitted. In consonance with your instructions, advisors from State, Treasury, War and Navy Departments assisted me on a two month exploratory mission concerning the reality of other-world visitation. The principle investigators and storage areas were visited. Successful efforts were made to reach scientists of all levels as measured by their work in classified defense projects. Conferences were held with national security officials and leaders of private industry. Approximately 1,200 memoranda and intelligence reports were considered. The report presents this situation against a global background my estimates, current and projected, in both the U.S., and allied countries, and recommendations deemed to be sound courses of action for formulating plans and policies in light of recent developments.

On September 19, 1947, after compiling the data from his exploration mission in New Mexico and the concerned facilities, Lieutenant General Twining, as well as a few other government officials, submitted a nineteen-page report to a board of military-scientific members (figure 24). The report entitled: *Mission Assessment of Recovered Lenticular Aerodyne Objects*,[24] was divided in five parts:

1. PROJECT WHITE HOT INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE (PRELIMINARY)
2. TECHNICAL EVALUATION (PRELIMINARY)
3. SCIENTIFIC PROBABILITIES
4. POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS
5. NATIONAL SECURITY STRUCTURE

On the front page of the document, five signatures can be seen and among them are those of President Harry Truman, Secretary of State George C. Marshall and Doctor Vannevar Bush. By signing this document, these individuals acknowledged its content and approved its overall recommendations. Their signatures also mean that they were the highest authorities that would be placed above the entire control structure of the UFO phenomenon. A structure that would be put in place after the application of the many recommendations submitted in the report and whose name would later be known as the MJ-12 Group. It is then not surprising to see the names of Truman[25], Marshall[26] and Bush[27] as Freemason members, a secret society in existence for centuries known to secretly control some of the world's largest organizations. Even though this document is identified as being Lieutenant General Twining's Report, the information as well as the recommendations it contains come from the analysis of many specialists in the domain of science, technology, military, intelligence and government politics related to crisis management. Each person of this committee represented an organization, or a specific sector related to the concerned domain of activity. On the second page of the document, there is a list of twelve names which identifies the members who were part of the exploratory mission; among them was Lieutenant General Twining (highest rank on the list) as well as eleven other civilian and military individuals. We can already see the roots of a twelve-person committee, which would soon be identified as MJ-12. Under the first list of names figures another section called CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS where the names of Dr. Theodore von Karman, Dr. Robert Oppenheimer and Professor Albert Einstein are written (figure 25). The expertise of these top scientists would be put to work in the most sensitive U.S. projects related to the development of extraterrestrial technologies. Each one of these scientists was mostly implicated in classified military projects since the beginning of the Second World War; therefore, they already had the proper security clearance to actively participate in the new clandestine committee meetings.

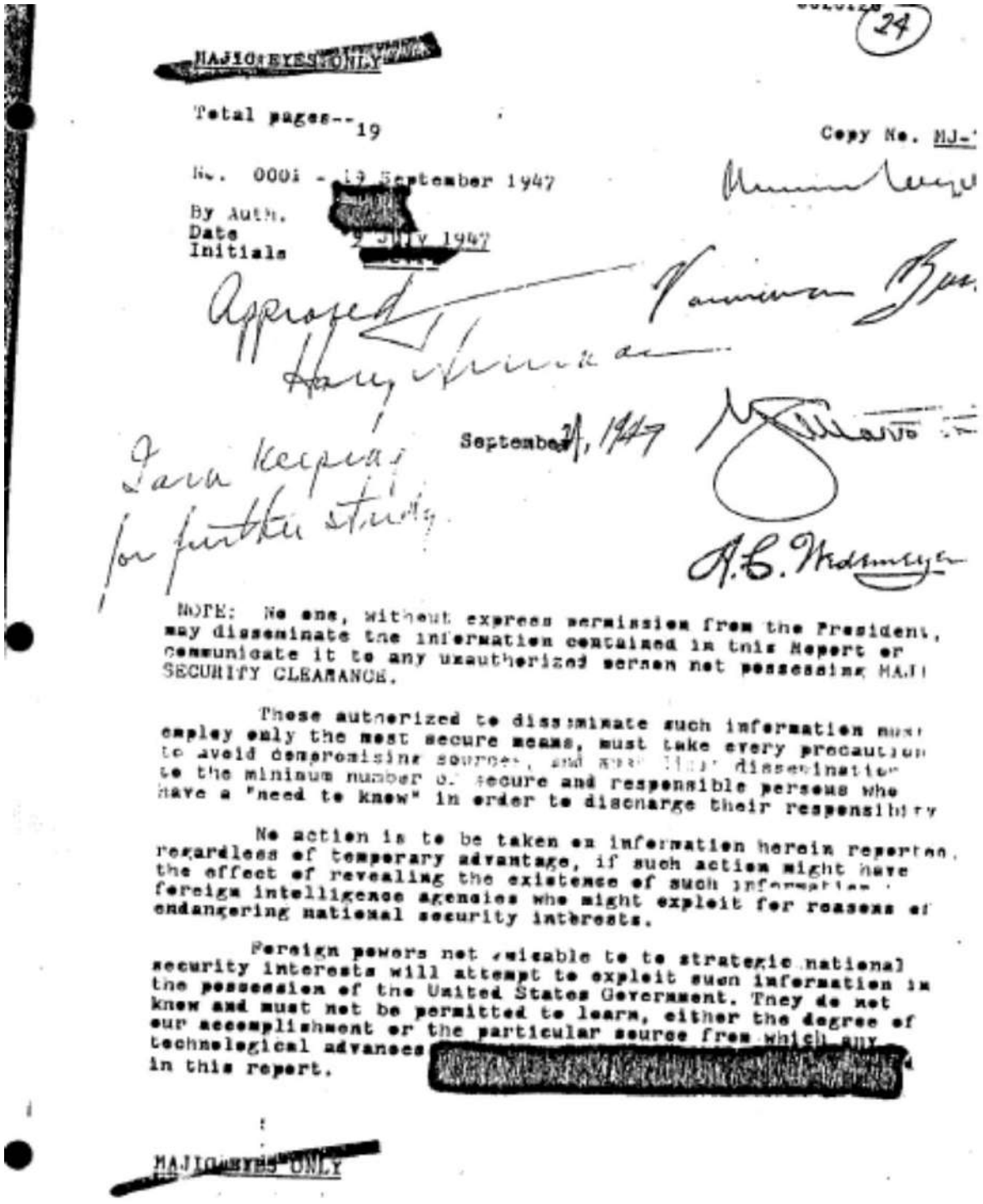

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Figure 24. Front page of the Twining's Report: September 19, 1947.[28]

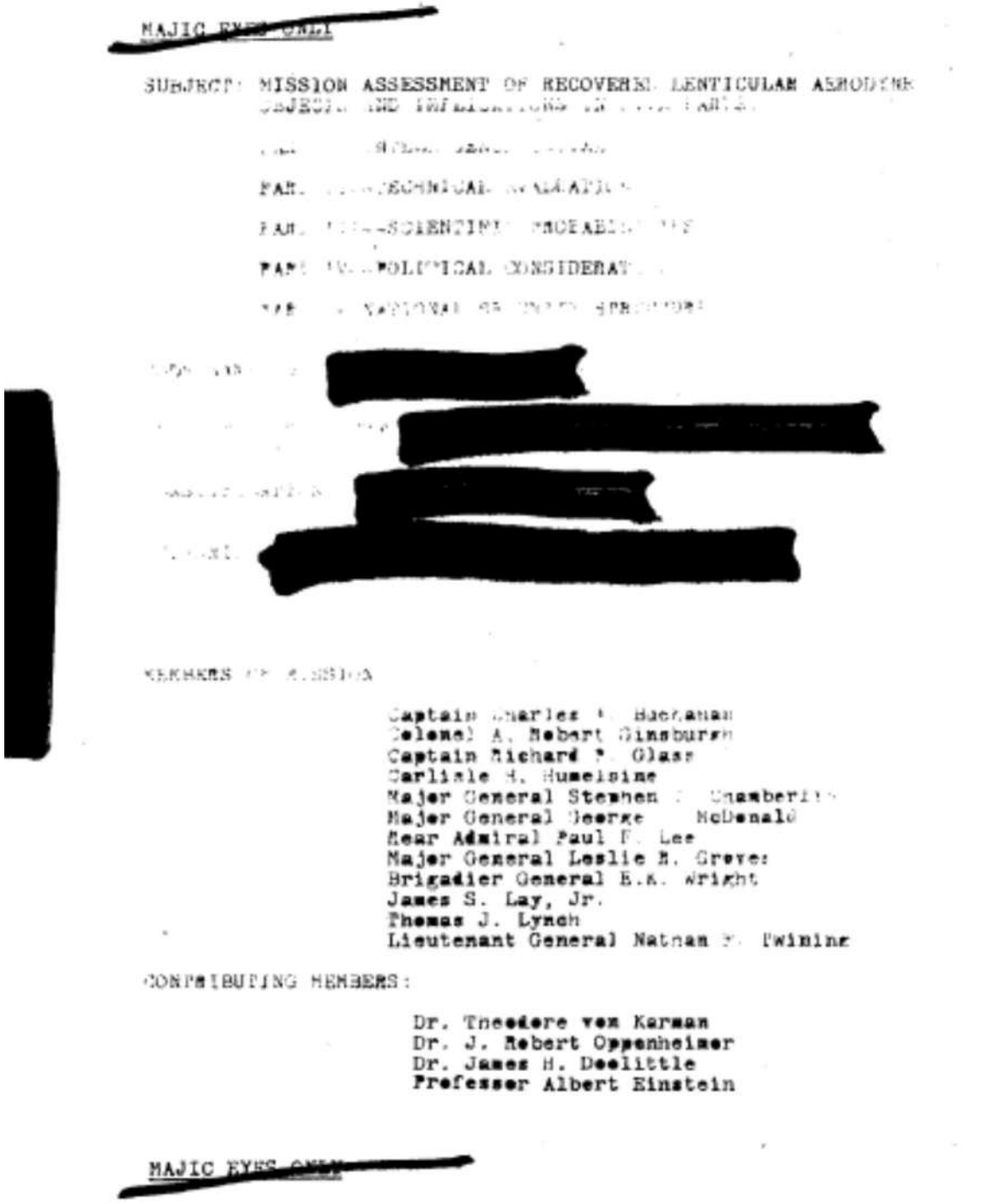

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Figure 25. Second page of the Twining's Report: September 19, 1947.[29]

I. PROJECT WHITE HOT INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE

This two-page section is a brief study of the possible origin of the spaceships recovered in New Mexico and the probable reason for their presence. The committee of experts appointed to this task was composed of German scientists from Paperclip, as well as specialists from Air Materiel Command (AMC) and from the Office of Naval Research (ONR). After a thorough study of the recovered artifacts, these people were unanimous about the extraterrestrial nature of the ships named ULAT in the document. The group of experts mention the possibility of a nuclear test, high atmosphere rocket explorations, and other causes blacked out in the document as possible reasons for their presence, but these censored reasons were without a doubt linked to the "S" craft flight tests.

These UFOs seemed to be doing passive surveillance on sensitive military facilities before crashing, leading the group to believe at first, they could have been a Soviet spy plane. The theory of Russian reconnaissance aircraft was quickly discarded due to the technological complexity of the different parts of the ships that were recovered, the absence of Cyrillic writing as well as the autopsy report conclusions of the bodies discovered on the crash sites.

II. TECHNICAL EVALUATION (PRELIMINARY)

The six pages of technical data of this section describe a sufficiently complete picture of each part of the ULAT-1 spacecraft. From the cabin, the electrical system, the navigation instruments, the propulsion system and the generator, all the components of the unknown aircraft were studied in detail and with a great deal of precision by the experts. Though it was only preliminary, this technical evaluation was detailed enough to dissect all the components of ULAT-1 since it was the least damaged spacecraft. The study of the components varies from their chemical composition to their physical property and their resistance to heat and compression. The craft's aerodynamics as well as the profile ratio suggested to those responsible for the study that it could perform

very well at supersonic speeds. The discovery of heavy water in the propulsion system led to the belief that it could be used as a primary igniter to turn on the engine.

III. SCIENTIFIC PROBABILITIES

Even if this section has only one page, it is still very interesting. Divided in six subsections, part III indicates:

1. Based on all available evidence collected from recovered exhibits currently under study by AMC, AFSWP, NEPA, AEC, ONR, NACA, JRDB, RAND, USAAF SAG, and MIT, are deemed extraterrestrial in nature. This conclusion was reached as a result of comparisons of artifacts [redacted] discovery in 1941. The technology is outside the scope of US science, even that of German rocket and aircraft development.

2. Interplanetary space travel is possible provided adequate funding, necessary resources are made available, and national interest is piqued.

3. Our solar system is not unique. Chances are favorable for intelligent life on other planets notwithstanding similar development not unlike our own.

4. Being that our culture is relatively young (in relation to the cosmic scale), it is possible that other cultures may have developed faster, or are much older and have avoided the pitfalls common in our historical and scientific development.

5. Human origins may not be constrained to one planet. Our genus may be found among solar systems similar to our own.

6. The laws of physics and genetics may have a genesis in a higher, structured order than once previously thought.

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IV. POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

This short but heavy-in-consequences section details the recommendations regarding the necessity for keeping this information away from the public. It appears that the reasons are mainly political in nature:

a. Public trust of the political institutions may be eroded and possibly be held in disrepute.

b. A complete revisioning make take place among institutions of higher learning, thus calling into question the certainty of scientific knowledge.

c. The ability of the Armed Forces to secure National Security would be put in jeopardy and possibly lead to undue public fear and disorder.

d. [redacted]

e. History and religion in the political context would probably suffer the most damage causing unprecedented upheaval in social and psychological well-being.

f. Political repercussions may occur in our diplomatic efforts of containing the Communist threat to our democratic interests.

g. If such an announcement were made by the current Administration, it could be percieved by opposing party as a trick, laying open to accusations of unethetical posturing and manipulation of the public's mind.

V. NATIONAL SECURITY STRUCTURE

In this last section of Twining's report related to national security structure, recommendations are made on the urgency of putting a secret government structure in place that would oversee the reverse engineering program for military purpose. The National Security Act is

identified as the event at the origin of this structure, which was put in place to maintain the secret of the information contained in Twining's report. This same clandestine structure would also be responsible for the coordination of the entire civilian and military intelligence regarding extraterrestrial technologies in development while keeping all this information hidden from the general public. Operation Majestic-12 was the code name that would be given to this powerful clandestine intelligence structure. As for the CIA, it would be one of MJ-12's many tools to collect UFO intelligence and to deceive and misinform the public.

Aside from the MJ-12 committee and CIA, many government entities were identified as actively participating in Operation Majestic-12; they were the National Security Council (NSC); the Pentagon; the Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC); the Joint Intelligence Objective Agency (JIOA); the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC); the Joint Research and Development Board (JRDB); the Army Security Agency (ASA); and the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics (NACA). With such resources and substantial budgets attributed to them through the years, these organizations secretly developed technologies that would allow them to explore the depths of space without anyone's knowledge. For the civilian population, a special surveillance committee would keep an eye on any technological advancement and withdraw as needed any technology considered "too advanced" for the time among the general public.

The Final Report for President Truman

A few days after getting the support of the different committees present during the preliminary intelligence assessment, Twining was to meet with President Truman to submit the conclusions of his meetings and give him his final report. The evening before the scheduled meeting between Truman and Twining, Secretary of State George C. Marshall sent a memo to the President asking him to make sure that the War Department would not disclose any information to Congress members about the UFO situation in order to avoid it becoming knowledge.[30] It seems the Secretary of State had not seen the President-written approbation, since the next day Marshall phoned the President's office to transmit the following message (figure 27). Just like Dr. Vannevar Bush,

Secretary of State George C. Marshall was part of a group of individuals who were mandated with keeping the secret on extraterrestrial presence and on its technological potential. As we remember, Marshall had to manage a similar event as the Roswell crash scenario in 1942 during the Battle of Los Angeles. At that time Marshall was Chief of Staff of the Army and recovered a crashed UFO that had helped to speed up the atomic bomb program. In July 1947, that same scenario happened again and even though the war was over, the old army strategist that was Marshall saw in the Roswell events a crisis situation where again the public needed to be kept in the dark. This entire operation had to be done in a way to minimize the possibility of leakage of information to non-allied foreign countries. The heart of Twining's report was written by high-ranking military officers, intelligence officers, scientists and private industry members. They were the root of the military-industrial complex that would slowly gain control of the American government structure. Except for a few individuals (such as Secretary of Defense James Forrestal), the majority of the people that participated in this report were all in favor of maintaining the secret on UFOs and their technology. Because of the Manhattan Project's success, most of the individuals who were deeply involved in military secrets understood that it was possible to keep secrets of national proportions if sufficient resources were allowed. Twining's report was nothing more than a series of recommendations with the objective to reproduce the same security conditions as the Manhattan Project, but with additional resources since it now had to extend to a worldwide scale. Twining would soon be rewarded for his loyalty to the U.S. Air Force and was promoted in 1953 to Chief of Staff of the Air Force, replacing General Vandenberg in one of the highest ranks of the American military hierarchy (figure 26).

Figure 26. General Nathan F. Twining (left) is congratulated as new Chief of Staff of the Air Force by the Secretary of the Air Force Harold Talbott (right). In the center, General Hoyt S. Vandenberg yielding his place. The ceremony was held on July 1, 1953, in Washington, D.C.[31]

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

The following letter from Secretary Marshall to the President was dictated to me this morning over the secret telephone:

"Dear Mr. President:

"I understand General Twining is presenting his report to you at sometime today. It seems to me mandatory that we treat Twining's report top secret and that no indication to its contents be divulged to the public. This will allow us time to revise our policy in the light of the report.

"If you agree, I suggest Twining be informed by you accordingly.

"If questioned, you might state a cover summary of the report be issued until careful consideration has been given it by the various chiefs of staff and department heads of the Government concerned.

Faithfully yours,
G.C. MARSHALL"

I agree HST

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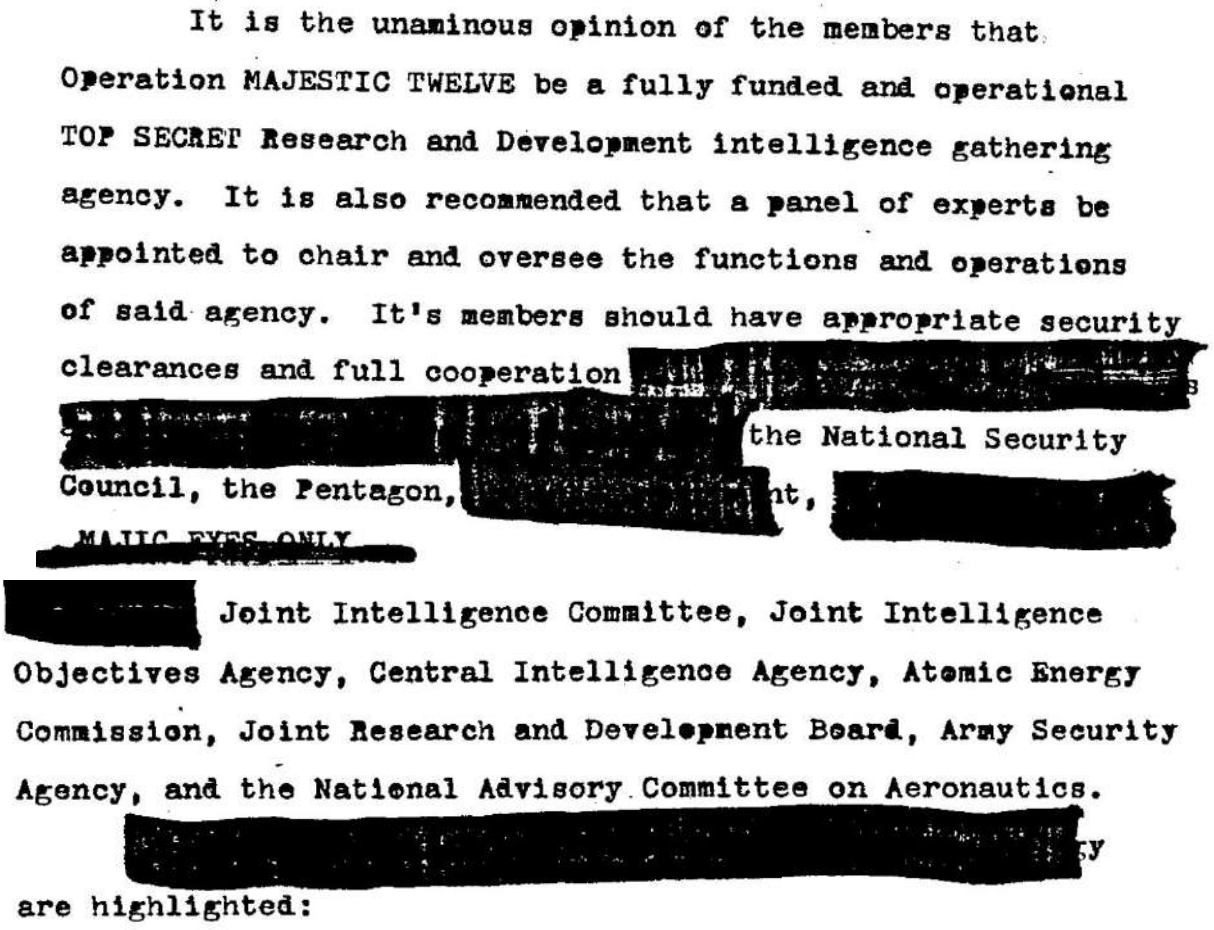
Figure 27. Memorandum for the President, September 25, 1947.[32]

Operation MAJESTIC TWELVE



It is the unaminous opinion of the members that Operation MAJESTIC TWELVE be a fully funded and operational TOP SECRET Research and Development intelligence gathering agency. It is also recommended that a panel of experts be appointed to chair and oversee the functions and operations of said agency. It's members should have appropriate security clearances and full cooperation [redacted] the National Security Council, the Pentagon, [redacted] MAJIC EYES ONLY [redacted] Joint Intelligence Committee, Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency, Central Intelligence Agency, Atomic Energy Commission, Joint Research and Development Board, Army Security Agency, and the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics. [redacted] are highlighted:

Twining Report, Part V, September 19, 1947.[33]

On September 24, 1947, by Special Executive Order, President Truman approved Operation Majestic-12 and nominated the members of this committee who would make sure to implement the recommendations of Twining's report. The goal of this clandestine group was the management of anything related to extraterrestrials, their spacecraft, their technologies, and the possible technological developments that can be gained from reverse engineering. The intelligence coming from the public, as well as the official versions fed to them by the media and the U.S. Army Public Affairs Media Relations, was also taken care of by the MJ-12 committee. To be able to keep extraterrestrial reality secret from the world's population for more than sixty years, an infallible intelligence structure had to be erected. It was exactly for that purpose that

Operation Majestic-12 and its committee was created. However, this committee was not at the head of the entire control structure. It was only one of the many tools that would serve to make sure that everything went according to the pre-established plan of the military-industrial complex.

On September 26, 1947, after having approved Operation Majestic-12 and received Twining's final report, President Truman organized the first National Security Council meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to set up the politics established by MJ-12 and therefore establish the basis for a control structure.[34] From the outside, this structure had to give the impression of being democratic and transparent, but from the inside, it had to be able to do illegal surveillance on the entire U.S. population as well as those of foreign countries. This global surveillance network was necessary to quickly identify close encounter witnesses in order to gather the pertinent information that could be used to know more on the "alien enemy" and his technology. The information collected would help to advance the secret space programs being developed as military weapons and clandestine interplanetary space travels.

Global Control on Opium and Black Ops

Concerning the black projects and their associated illegal activities, their funding was insured by the global control on opium and the clandestine income it generates. This way of doing things was necessary in order to keep Congress away from covert activities since its members normally have a saying in how public money is spent. Global control on opium was therefore justified because its harmfulness would help to get rid of society's weak and undesirable individuals while helping to finance black projects.[35]

"*The actual cost of funding the Alien connected projects is higher than anything you could imagine! Believe it or not, MJ-12 runs most of the world's illegal drug trade. This was done to hide funding and thus keep the secret from congress and the people of the United States*."

Colonel Steve Wilson, USAF (ret.), Revelations concerning MJ-12.

In November 1986, under the Reagan administration, part of this stratagem became public when a plan to free American hostages in Iran was put to light in a Lebanese magazine.[36]

After weeks of negotiations with members of The Army of the Guardians of the Islamic Revolution, responsible for the hostage situation, Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North, then member of the National Security Council, proposed a plan to sell weapons to Iran and use the money obtained illegally to finance a CIA covert operation in Nicaragua.[37] Anybody with basic knowledge on illegal weapons trafficking knows that it is always closely related to drug traffic. Even though, in the documents related to that scandal obtained via the Freedom of Information Act, no mention was made that drugs were part of the transaction, it is highly probable that all reference to drugs was destroyed by Oliver North in November 1986. After the operation became public, North admitted to destroying all the documents regarding his activities in the Iran-Contras affair on the suggestion of CIA Director William J. Casey.[38] Be that as it may, suspicions that the CIA's activities in Nicaragua were financed by drug trafficking were sufficient for the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Narcotics and International Operation of the Committee on Foreign Relations to investigate and release a report of more than 1000 pages in December 1988.[39]

In this substantial report, where the drug trafficking question was tackled on an international scale, the implication of the Contras in Nicaragua, whose activities were apparently financed in part by the sale of cocaine, embarrassed the U.S. administration. The trouble came from the fact that the Contras were secretly trained by CIA in the hope of overthrowing the government in place. Since the United States Congress never agreed to finance this operation, Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North, responsible for the operation, had to turn towards "other sources of income".[40] For that matter, in the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Narcotics and International Operation Report we can read:

"*The logic of having drug money pay for the pressing needs of the Contras appealed to a number of people who became involved in the covert war. Indeed, senior U.S. policy makers were not immune to the*

idea that drug money was a perfect solution to the Contras funding problem."[41]

Even though the conclusions of the subcommittee's report support that the connection between global opium trafficking and clandestine U.S. intelligence operations are an exceptional situation, mercenary Frank Camper suggests the opposite. Special ops veteran Frank Camper testified that: "…*several U.S. intelligence units were aware of illegal activities*" and none interfered in any way whatsoever.[42] This tends to reinforce the idea that illegal activities such as drug trafficking to finance foreign clandestine operations could be common in the intelligence world. Recent military activities in Afghanistan suppose that U.S. war on terrorism has transformed into a Russian narcotic war. According to Viktor Ivanov, Director of the Russian Federal Service for the Control of Narcotics:

"*Opium production has been central to Afghanistan's economy ever since U.S. and NATO forces invaded in October 2001. Just before the invasion Taliban had implemented a ban on poppy growing, declaring it to be anti-Islam, which lowered the overall production. But after the West's involvement, production resumed and now the country produces some 90 per cent of the world's opium, the great bulk of which ends up on the streets of Europe and Russia*."[43]

The abundant presence of heroine – a derived product of opium – in Europe and Russia has become a real curse in those parts of the world. It is assumed that heroine could be responsible for more than a million deaths according to data obtained in Ivanov's study.[44] Does the American presence have anything to do with this insidious disaster? Professor Dale Scott, Canadian diplomat and professor at the University of California, has yielded persuasive results in his research about the topic. He studied the evolution of global opium production from the 1800s until today; he makes obvious ties between the secret power of certain nations and the control of hard drugs. He also discovered from the Second World War at the very least, U.S. intelligence agencies have protected large-scale drug dealers and their assets, because they could be used to their advantage as part of their resources.[45] He also adds:

"*The truth is that since World War II the CIA, without establishment opposition, has become addicted to the use of assets who are drug traffickers, and there is no reason to assume that they have begun to break this addiction. The devastating consequences of CIA use and protection of traffickers can be seen in the statistics of drug production, which increases where America intervenes, and also declines when American intervention ends.*

Just as the indirect American intervention of 1979 was followed by an unprecedented increase in Afghan opium production, so the pattern has repeated itself since the American invasion of 2001. Opium poppy cultivation in hectares more than doubled, from a previous high of 91,000 in 1999 (reduced by the Taliban to 8,000 in 2001) to 165,000 in 2006 and 193,000 in 2007."[46]

Is it a coincidence that each U.S. intervention in foreign countries has led to a drastic increase of opium production? We could consider it a coincidence if those were the only two examples, but the statistics seem to prove the opposite. Since the early fifties, in most of U.S. operations abroad where the Americans were militarily and politically involved, substantial increases of opium production were noted in countries such as: Burma, Thailand, Laos and Colombia.[47] As many witnesses maintain, such as ex NRO agent Colonel Steve Wilson, part of the revenues from the worldwide sales of opium served to finance covert U.S. intelligence activities and black projects. The increasing amount of produced opium as well as the increasing revenues it generates are only an indication that some of these activities are in expansion.[48]

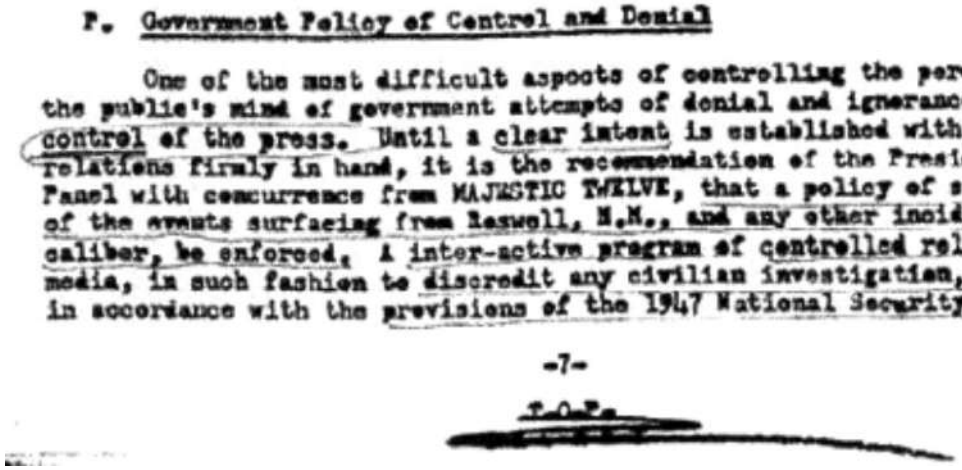
It is a good bet to assume that the covert activities of the CIA and other U.S. intelligence services are tied to the creation of classified technologies whose military application could ensure an oligarchic global control. This surprising observation teaches us that Operation Majestic Twelve really happened, that it is still active today and is directed by a cabal whose interests seem to be power-related. Even if the power of these elite comes in part from the influence they have over the world's largest institutions, their influence could be diminished when a sufficient number of people among the general population are informed of the

situation. The actual occult power can only be maintained by manipulating the masses about their perception of the reality they live in.

Existential reality is very subjective in itself, since it is what the person lives. Each person occupies a different space and experiences life from his own point of view. The personal point of view of a person constantly changes according to the information and the experiences they get from their environment. This is why in our society some people believe we are not alone in the Universe and that we are being visited, while others can accept the existence of extraterrestrials living far from Earth who never contacted us. The perception of what is correct to believe or think when in collectivity stems from the conditioning from many large institutions such as: the mass media, the educational system, religions and figures of authority. These entities subtly dictate what is correct to believe or think concerning our reality. They have fashioned our beliefs on a daily basis without anyone's knowledge for decades. As for the manipulation of public opinion on extraterrestrial reality, it comes from secret projects put in place by the U.S. government at the end of the forties which are called *Psychological Operations*.

Psychological Operations

The mass media aspect had been taken into consideration in the politics established by MJ-12 since it was a perfect propaganda tool. The members of MJ-12 in charge of this aspect knew that to have absolute control over the UFO information it was necessary to influence the media to their advantage. That influence had to be very subtle to ensure the appearance of neutrality of the concerned media groups. From what we can see in one of MJ-12's annual reports, it seems that media censorship was a problem during the first years of the implementation of media control politics. We can see this situation very clearly in the following excerpt taken from the *MJ-12 Fifth Annual Repor*t: [49]



F. Government Policy of Control and Denial

One of the most difficult aspects of controlling the perception in the public's mind of government attempts of denial and ignorance—is actual control of the press. Until a clear intent is established with diplomatic relations firmly in hand, it is the recommendation of the President's Special Panel with concurrence from MAJESTIC TWELVE, that a policy of strict denial of the events surfacing from Roswell, N.M., and any other incident of such caliber, be enforced. A inter-active program of controlled releases to the media, in such fashion to discredit any civilian investigation, be instituted in accordance with the provisions of the 1947 National Security Act.

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Since it was hard to control the media directly without being noticed, the committee responsible for the control of information made the decision to act indirectly. They looked at the public as a distinct entity and studied its behavior. By understanding mass behavior during precise situations, they could predict and even influence their reactions. During the Roswell events, some attempts to manipulate public opinion through the media were successful. *Operation Deception* was on; which was for the Army to ‘’leak’’ news of a flying saucer recovery to the media, then have a different source deny the story shortly after. The global psychological repercussion was that the flying saucer stories were now perceived as simple misidentification from the people who were not directly exposed to these events. It was inconceivable at that time that U.S. Army officials, then trusted figures of authority, could lie to the American citizens…

For a while, those in charge of the psychological operations used the perception of authoritarian power the military uniform provided them in order to influence the population’s judgment on UFO matters. But these authority figures were not enough to manipulate the perception of the entire population. Especially when the story told were just a bunch of lies! On a psychological point of view, masses are more easily influenced than individuals. It is also true that the behavior of a person would be different whether alone or in a group. It was on these exact principles of human behavior that psychological operations specialists invested their time and efforts. They subtly manipulated the masses about UFO perception by using strong emotions such as fear and deception. The fear of ridicule, rejection or simply the fear of being seen as a person

having difficulties differentiating reality and imaginary were negative emotions used to control the public's opinion regarding UFOs and the extraterrestrial reality. The official statement was that flying saucers did not exist and that no extraterrestrial had ever landed on Earth, period! Those saying they had seen something were certainly crackpots. But there was worse… People claiming that the government knew things about UFOs and that they were deliberately hiding it for some obscure reason would be put in the conspiracy theorist category. The CIA used these human emotions in a way that a sane person who had sighted a flying disc would not mention it to anyone.

This was the basis of the Psychological Operations whose foundation was established in June 1946 when the Central Intelligence Group was tasked to look over the problem.[50] The goal was to create an intense emotional reaction about UFOs and extraterrestrials until it became a taboo on a national scale. For months and years, the Psychological Operations, which, at the beginning, were under the CIA, had no official status inside the new U.S. government structure; no budgets could therefore be allowed for activities in relation to them. Since it was evident that after the war the Congress would be concerned with "unnecessary" military spending, they had to find a good reason to invest in a sector that did not have a logical meaning in peacetime. The first years after the war were crucial to implement a secret control structure using the intelligence services. Among the official government structure, only a handful of individuals really knew that the United States was truly living a national security crisis regarding UFOs. The creation of the National Security Council in July 1947, whose members knew about the crisis, was mandated to manage and coordinate the entire operations related to the extraterrestrial problematic:

"*On September 24, 1947, prior to the first meeting of the NSC, CIA Director Hillenkoetter submitted a classified memorandum to Admiral Souers, Executive Secretary of the NSC Staff urging the NSC to take "immediate steps" to "centralize" an organization which would conduct "vitally needed psychological operations".*[51]

Timothy Cooper, *The MJ-12 Report*, 06-13-99.

The objective of these ‘’ *vitally needed psychological operations* ‘’ was to put in place an organization under the aegis of the National Security Council which would look into the management of the civilian population’s perception of extraterrestrial reality. The Roswell events as well as the possibility of a future “wave” of extraterrestrial visits precipitated the establishment of such operations. But to ensure those operations were legal towards Congress, they used the increasing tension between the U.S. and the Communists as a reason for these future psychological operations. The Psychological Operations were divided in two: white operations related to the war against communism; and black operations, related to UFOs, extraterrestrial reality and highly classified technologies. This decision was made on the recommendations of Brigadier General E.K. Wright, CIA Deputy Director, which followed the suggestions of General Donovan, specialist of psychological operations during the Second World War:

“*General Donovan of course is a firm believer, as are most of those people having operational experience in this field, in the principle that the greatest propaganda success will be found in the field of Black operations. He, therefore, feels the organization must be so operated as to foster the use of Black methods. Since such methods are solely within the jurisdiction of CIA, General Donovan feels the Director of Central Intelligence should be firmly in control of the entire operation, both White and Black*.”[52]

To be effective, however, the control of these psychological operations needed to be carried out in foreign countries as well as in the U.S. On December 9, 1947, under pressure from the Council of Foreign Relations, the *NSC-4 Report on Coordination of Foreign Information Measures* was submitted to the National Security Council.[53] The approval of this report by the NSC and, later, by President Truman, officially meant that a structure spreading outside of the American border in order to keep an eye out for threats to the security of the United States could be established. The U.S. gave itself the right to clandestinely enter foreign countries to discover what was going on! On the same date, a secret annex, the *NSC-4A*, was also submitted; it included a proposed procedure with the objective of launching a global psychological

operation![54] It was therefore not only a question of spying on neighboring countries, but an attempt of perception manipulation to:

"…*influence attitudes in foreign countries in a direction favorable to the attainment of U.S. objectives and to counteract effects of anti-American propaganda*."[55]

Among the suggested methods to effectively achieve this subtle and insidious influence, the organization in charge of the psychological operations had to:

"…*be fully responsible for the planning, development, and coordination of all phases of the national program of radio, press, publications, and related propaganda activities involving the dissemination of information in the national interests*."[56]

In short, it was an authorization to put their noses everywhere, without the knowledge or consent of anyone, to ensure the interests of American corporations worldwide. These interests served only the growing power of the few individuals from the military-industrial complex. On March 29, 1948, after many meetings and memoranda exchanges, the new Office of Special Operations published a document informing the immediate activation of the *Special Procedures Group*; in which the complete "recipe" for psychological operations can be found.[57] Among the many functions of the group we can read that:

"*The basic function of Special Procedures Group will be to engage in covert psychological operations outside the United States and its possessions, for the purpose of (1) undermining the strength of foreign instrumentalities, whether government, organizations, or individuals, which are engaged in activities inimical to the United States, and (2) to support United States' foreign policy by influencing public opinion abroad in a direction favorable to the attainment of United States' objectives*."

But to guaranty the efficiency and the secrecy of these operations, the *Special Procedures Group* had to make sure to take: "…*all measures of information and persuasion short of physical in which the originating role of the United States Government will always be kept concealed*."

In other words, the American government and its administration would deny any implication in any subversive activities in other countries, despite the evidence. The efficiency of the Psychological Operations in the country as well as overseas would be ensured by both the infiltration of different organizations likely to collect and scatter sensitive information and by the employment of locals occupying key positions in the media or elsewhere.

The idea was to keep extraterrestrial reality a secret as well as the technology coming from classified projects. In June 1951, President Harry Truman gave the Psychological Operations official status by creating the Strategic Psychology Board from which the Presidential Directive included a director in its organizational structure.[58] On July 18, 1951, Gordon Gray, former Secretary of the Army, was nominated as the first Director of this official board, which would end up under the leadership of the National Security Council (figure 28). Gordon Gray's name also figures among the MJ-12 committee members.[60]

Figure 28. Gordon Gray (right) sworn by Frank Sanderson (left) as first Director of the Psychological Strategy Board at the White House. President Truman (center) bears witness to the event.[61]

The Worldwide UFO Cover-up

On top of the deception technique, as used in Roswell by the Army, amplified disinformation was among the multiple psychological techniques used by PSYOP agents. It consists of using a real event and exaggerating certain parts to make the story seems absurd. The best example of amplified disinformation is found in some tabloids like the *National Enquirer* or *Weekly World News,* where we can see, on a regular basis, events related to UFOs and extraterrestrials. It is possible that among some of these events real ones happened, but very few people would give them any credit due to the extravagant way they are reported in these tabloids. What is really interesting to observe about these tabloids is that one of their owners, Generoso Pope Jr., was a former CIA officer and was part of the Psychological Operations Unit…

Pope Jr. started the *National Enquirer* in 1954, after buying the *New York Enquirer* in 1952 and changed its name. In 1979, Generoso Pope Jr. did it again and founded the *Weekly World News*, a second weekly tabloid with only black and white pictures. This tabloid also became an effective tool for disinformation among the many resources of the CIA.[62] The CIA's implication in disinformation does not stop there. According to Carl Bernstein, renowned American author specialized in government affairs, the CIA has, since 1953, infiltrated the media on a national and international scale:

"*The agency's dealings with the press began during the earliest stages of the Cold War. Allen Dulles, who became director of the CIA in 1953, sought to establish a recruiting-and-cover capability within America's most prestigious journalistic institutions*."[63]

Because they were working under an official journalistic banner, the CIA Director, Allen Dulles, saw a perfect facade for his agents seeking to introduce themselves in the heart of the information. As early as the early fifties, tacit agreements were made between many media agencies and the CIA to introduce agents in places normally hostile to the American government. This was all aimed at collecting sensitive information obtained by real reporters, spreading false information with articles or "helping" certain reporters write articles by pointing them in a direction that would be profitable for "national interests".[64]

According to Bernstein, the infiltration of the journalistic community was not done insidiously, but by a common agreement between interested parties. Since the use of intelligence in the media world was an extremely perilous situation, the agreements of cooperation were always made at the highest level. Only the DCI and his successors were authorized to settle cooperation agreements with the heads of the different media organizations involved.[65] There have been many kinds of relationships between the CIA and the media. It could be a renowned reporter occasionally doing a job for the Agency, paid with CIA assets (mostly in cash), but on other occasions:

"…*their assignments were more complex: planting subtly concocted pieces of misinformation; hosting parties or receptions designed to bring*

together American agents and foreign spies; serving up "black" propaganda to leading foreign journalists at lunch or dinner; providing their hotel rooms or bureau offices as "drops" for highly sensitive information moving to and from foreign agents; conveying instructions and dollars to CIA-controlled members of foreign governments."[66]

The journalists implicated in these cat-and-mouse games had to obey the same rules as an active CIA agent. According to the estimations of David A. Phillips, former reporter and Chief of Clandestine Services, at least 200 reporters would have signed confidentiality agreements or contracts with the CIA between 1953 and 1977. In the field, these journalists were tasked with recruiting foreign agents used to obtain intelligence as well as spreading false information inside foreign governments' officials.[67]

MJ-12 and the Global Surveillance Network

"*The NSA was created in the first place to protect the secret of the recovered flying discs and eventually got complete control over all communication intelligence. This control allows the NSA to monitor any individual through mail, telephone, telexes, telegrams, and now through on-line computers, monitoring private and personal communications as they may desire*."[68]

Colonel Steve Wilson, USAF (ret.), Revelations Concerning MJ-12.

Despite what we learn in the mass media, the history of the origins of the NSA has little to do with terrorism but is more closely related to UFOs and the extraterrestrial presence. To fully understand this relation, we have to go back as far as the end of the Second World War. As we all know, this war ended with the use of the atomic bomb over two Japanese cities, Hiroshima and Nagasaki. What is not public knowledge is that the construction of this weapon of mass destruction was made possible because of the study of recovered components from extraterrestrial spacecraft that crashed in California in 1942 during the Battle of Los Angeles.[69] At the beginning of the Second War, from a technical point of view, atom fission was still part of theoretical physics and the majority of the greatest scientists of the time agreed that the

atomic bomb would be a weapon of future wars. According to them, the chances of seeing this technology appear during this century were almost nonexistent.[70] This vision was, however, not shared by Vannevar Bush, the top scientist who excelled in military R&D. All along the establishment of highly classified projects, a new structure started to take form; a structure that united both high technology research and military intelligence. The advantage of this structure was that it could keep the development of new classified technologies while facilitating the control and coordination of all the related sensitive activities. President Franklin D. Roosevelt had put a lot of resources in the development of the atomic weapon built from reverse engineering extraterrestrial craft in the mid-forties but had no interest in space exploration because of budgetary matters.[71]

For a top scientist like Dr. Vannevar Bush, the technological potential available in these recovered alien ships went further than the construction of the atomic bomb. He put in place a special committee for classified technological development that would enable the development of technologies that could open the gate to deep space exploration. The race for military occupation of space was on, and to win this race the Americans had to be the first in everything. The logic was that if Americans were able to accomplish accelerated technological advances by studying extraterrestrial crafts and their components, so could other countries. Just like in the race for global supremacy, there could not be two winners; the United States had to stop any potentially hostile foreign nations from reaching such a technological level.

The idea of global surveillance also became a necessity from a scientific intelligence point of view. On March 5, 1946, it is as Director of the State-Army-Navy Communications Intelligence Board that Lieutenant General Hoyt Vandenberg signed an agreement involving the United States and England, in which the cooperation of each party was expected for the continuation of intelligence-gathering activities that came from communications during peacetime. In other words, the leaders of the military intelligence services of these two countries had given themselves the right to watch over the entire global communication network and to secretly share this information.[72] Sometime later, three other Anglo-Saxon countries: Canada, Australia and New Zealand joined

the group and formed the global surveillance network called ECHELON. Nowadays known as the United Kingdom-USA Security Agreement (UKUSA),[73] this secret agreement and its surveillance network was only publicly recognized by the Canadian government in 1995.

In Canada, it is the Communications Branch of the National Research Council (today the Communications Security Establishment) founded in 1946 that is responsible for the surveillance and management of communications in the country. In the U.S., the National Security Agency (NSA) has this role. Every other country involved in ECHELON's network established its own organization responsible for communications surveillance and intelligence collection. This agreement is still valid today and the surveillance has spread to phone lines, cellular phones, and computer telecommunication networks. The information accumulated by the ECHELON's network is managed by the highest military authority of each country concerned.[74]

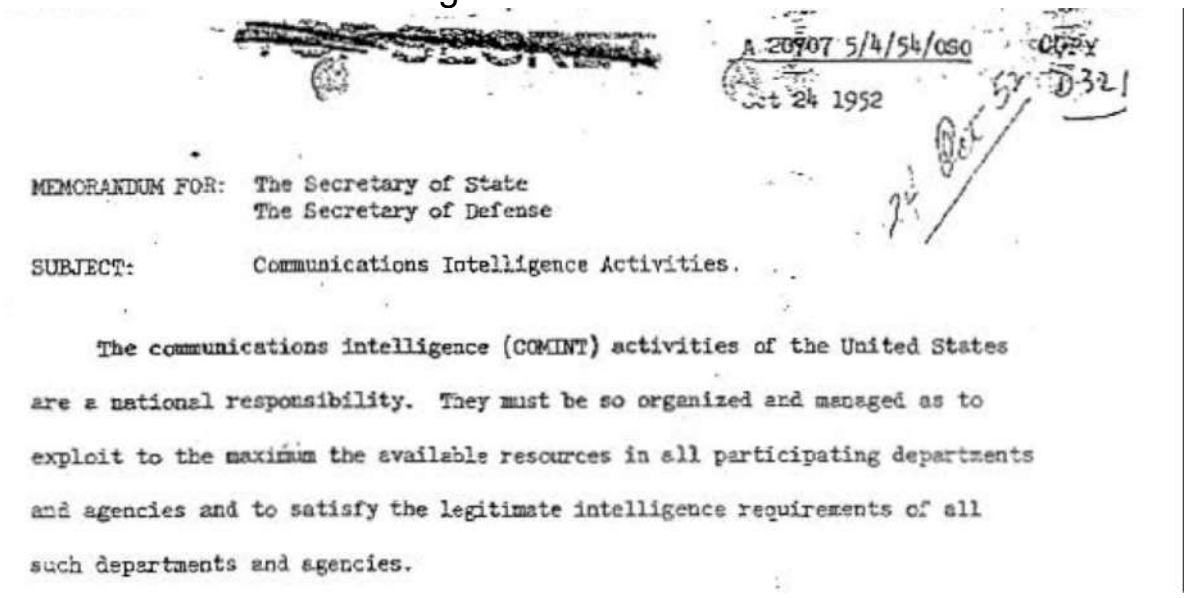
"*Canada cooperates with some of its closest and oldest allies for the exchange of foreign intelligence... These countries and the agencies responsible for each of them are the United States (with the National Security Agency), the United Kingdom (Government Communications Headquarters), Australia (Defence Signals Directorate) and New Zealand (Government Communications Security Branch)*."[75]

It was from a memo written by Walter Bedell Smith, DCI and MJ-12 member, that an American government agency charged exclusively for intelligence gathering coming from all communications (COMINT) was created. In a document dated December 10, 1950, addressed to the National Security Council, a recommendation to conduct a general study of intelligence activities in order to increase coordination and efficiency was discussed.[76] The proposition was accepted, and the study completed almost immediately. On June 13, 1952, a report including multiple recommendations on electronic surveillance activities, known as the Brownell Committee Report, was presented to the Truman administration:

"*The final Brownell Report emphasized the need for the establishment of one organization to manage the communications*

intelligence activities of the government. The report provided a strong indictment of service unification as it existed under AFSA as well as an indictment of the management and policy echelons existing above AFSA. The report recommended a complete reorganization of the U.S. COMINT effort, and provided a blueprint for the new structure. As its main theme, the Brownell Committee pressed for the elevation of the COMINT structure to a new status, requiring national-level attention and interest."[77]

One problem underscored by the report was the lack of coordination on a national scale. This lack of coordination was not due to the absence of organizations tasked with the surveillance of communications, because such an organization already existed. The Armed Forces Security Agency (AFSA), created in May 1949, was one of the first organizations responsible for the centralization of COMINT. From a legal point a view, however, this entity had no authority to do any electronic surveillance among the civilian population, since its field of activity was restricted to the military level.[78] It was with the objective of spreading the communications surveillance to the entire population that the National Security Agency (NSA) was instituted by the Truman administration. On October 24, 1952, President Truman sent a memo to the Secretaries of State and Defense informing them that:[79]



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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Communications Intelligence Activities.

The communications intelligence (COMINT) activities of the United States are a national responsibility. They must be so organized and managed as to exploit to the maximum the available resources in all participating departments and agencies and to satisfy the legitimate intelligence requirements of all such departments and agencies.

Truman's memo also included the many directives addressed to the concerned authorities of the intelligence's restructuration. Among those

directives was the announcement that the Department of Defense would be the entity responsible for all the intelligence that would come from communications surveillance.[80] And on November 4, 1952, the U.S. Secretary of Defense announced in a top-secret memo the creation of the NSA to the Army, Navy and the Air Force Secretary as well as to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.[81] Despite its official status inside the American government apparatus, the existence of the NSA would be publicly known only years later.

CHAPTER V
SIGN, GRUDGE & BLUE BOOK

"It is true that the attitude of this country is more than strange since the wave of June 1947 and the Roswell events of July 1947. If the Americans could have collected on this occasion or others, at least, debris or entire wreckage of extraterrestrial spaceship, in good enough shape, and even some humanoid cadavers, some kind of contact should have been established.

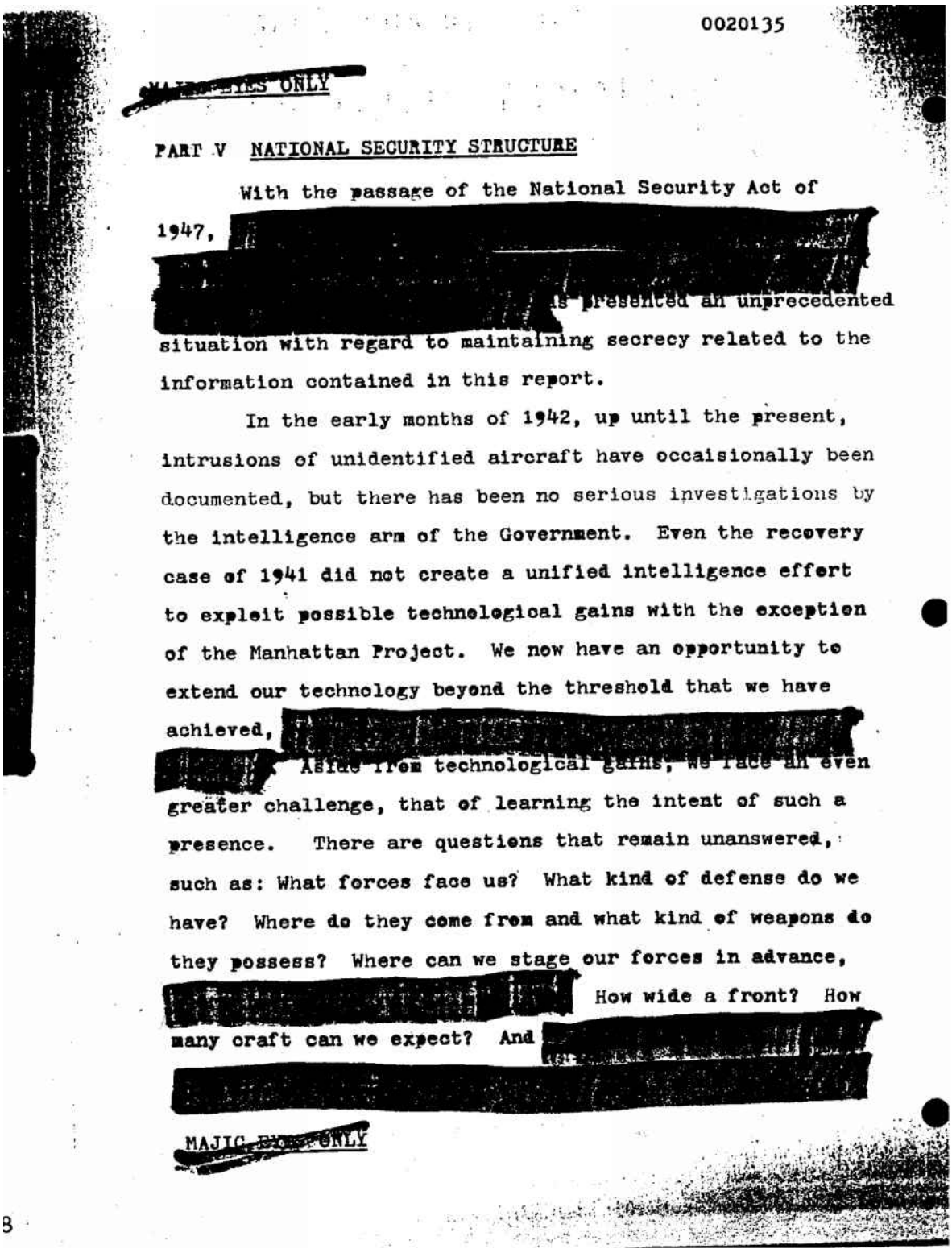
The first declarations and reactions are often considered more genuine than the later affirmations. Thus, immediately after what would become later known as the Roswell events, General Twining was tasked to establish a secret report on the "flying discs", whose existence had only been disclosed 22 years later in the Condon Report. It shows that they do exist. However, the United States has practiced since that time, a policy of secrecy (classification above top secret of certain UFO files according to General Barry Goldwater) and disinformation continues. The strange conclusions of the Condon report are just one episode. Why and how a secret of such importance could still be preserved until today? The simplest answer would be that the United States wants to maintain at any cost military technological superiority over competitors and, perhaps, privileged contacts."[1]

The COMETA Report, France, 1999.

Among the many recommendations in Twining's report of September 1947, there were many drawbacks raised by a possible disclosure of the situation pertaining to extraterrestrial aircraft recovered by the U.S. Army. The importance of this situation was amplified by the fact that those alien spacecraft were deliberately shot down to recover a maximum of technologies, which could become a real strategic advantage when developed from a military perspective. As most people who participated in Twining's report had concluded that these spacecrafts and their inhabitants did not come from Earth, it meant that aggressive military action had been taken against a species we knew very little about at that time. Retaliation from an extraterrestrial rearguard was thus seriously considered and the military back then had to be prepared for the worst.

Almost unanimously, the committee members who participated in the preparation of Twining's report were all in favor of maintaining secrecy on the whole operation. However, in the section of the report relating to National Security structure (figure 28), in addition to the importance of secrecy, a series of pressing issues raised by these same people are also mentioned. An "official" UFO project was established to respond to these issues. In September 1947, after handing in his precious report, the work of Lieutenant General Twining was far from over. He was now in charge of collecting as much information as possible about the extraterrestrial visitors and he had to do so without alerting the public. In order to accomplish this goal, Twining had to create a nationwide UFO study project with several different security levels. This pyramidal structure of information would have the highest levels of classification at the top and the lowest at the bottom. Each level would be separate from the other and only a few individuals at the head of the entire network would have knowledge of what is happening in relation to the gathered information.

The basis of this study had already been set up by Project "Blue Team" which was under the responsibility of none other than Lieutenant General Twining. The code name "Blue Team" came from the color of the uniforms worn by these specialized teams in securing UFO crash sites. As noted earlier, these teams already existed during the Roswell events and were part of the Air Technical Service Command (ATSC), a group under the leadership of the Army Air Force.[2] Twining suggested that the methodology used by these teams, which had already demonstrated their effectiveness, should be extended across the country under the guise of a public research project. The UFO study would also be extended over almost the entire globe thanks to the intelligence monitoring network. This would allow locating almost all UFO sightings by the public as well as civilian and military pilots. It would also be easier to identify probable crash sites in real time and detect any potential contact between individuals and extraterrestrials. The information gathered by this highly organized network would be filtered by a group responsible for disseminating this information to the concerned individuals according to their security level.



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PART V NATIONAL SECURITY STRUCTURE

With the passage of the National Security Act of 1947, [redacted] presented an unprecedented situation with regard to maintaining secrecy related to the information contained in this report.

In the early months of 1942, up until the present, intrusions of unidentified aircraft have occaisionally been documented, but there has been no serious investigations by the intelligence arm of the Government. Even the recovery case of 1941 did not create a unified intelligence effort to exploit possible technological gains with the exception of the Manhattan Project. We now have an opportunity to extend our technology beyond the threshold that we have achieved, [redacted] Aside from technological gains, we face an even greater challenge, that of learning the intent of such a presence. There are questions that remain unanswered, such as: What forces face us? What kind of defense do we have? Where do they come from and what kind of weapons do they possess? Where can we stage our forces in advance, [redacted] How wide a front? How many craft can we expect? And [redacted]

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Figure 28. Excerpt of the Twining's Report.[3]

The most sensitive information would go to higher levels to help the decision-making process, while poor sighting reports would be compiled

in the official study project after which they would be "explained" by conventional interpretations. The establishment of this UFO project was ultimately a means to know the real intentions of these visitors while keeping the civilian population in the dark.[4]

Sign

A need for as much additional information as possible about these craft, their performance characteristics and their purpose led to the undertaking known as U.S. Air Force Project SIGN in December, 1947. In order to preserve security, liason between SIGN and Majestic-12 was limited to two individuals within the Intelligence Division of Air Materiel Command whose role was to pass along certain types of information through channels. SIGN evolved into Project GRUDGE in December, 1948. The operation is currently being conducted under the code name BLUE BOOK, with liason maintained through the Air Force officer who is head of the project.

Excerpt of the Eisenhower Briefing Document.[5]

On December 30, 1947, following the new recommendations of Lieutenant General Twining, Project Blue Team became Project Sign. It was from a directive from Major General Craigie, Director of Research and Development Section and JRDB member, that Sign obtained official status within the U.S. government through the Air Force.[6] According to the directive issued by Major General Craigie, the role of Project Sign would be:

"...*to collect, collate, evaluate and distribute to interested government agencies and contractors all information concerning sightings and phenomena in the atmosphere which can be construed to be of concern to the national security*."[7]

Project Sign thus became the U.S. government's first official UFO project, assigned exclusively to the study of flying saucers. From the general public's perspective, the very existence of this study project was proof that something unusual was going on in the skies and that flying saucers could be real. Although the possibility of earthly classified prototypes was already considered by many, other rumors pointed to the extraterrestrial hypothesis to explain the presence of these unknown flying objects. Surprisingly, after some debate, it was the extraterrestrial explanation that was proposed by Project Sign's group that was the probable source of these objects. In the summer of 1948, after having studied hundreds of sightings reports, Project Sign's members (Figure 29) submitted the *Estimate of the Situation* in which it was clear that some of these flying objects were of interplanetary origin...[8] Some

members of the group had acquired this certainty even though the reports sent to them were of low quality and that no material evidence had been provided.

Only the study of flight performance and shape of the unknown aircraft described by the witnesses allowed Project Sign's members to arrive at such conclusions. We must not forget that although these individuals did not have a sufficient security level to be in the loop, they had been chosen for their expertise in aircraft reconnaissance. They were therefore aware of the latest Russian and American aeronautical developments. Even though evidence from the reports pointed towards the extraterrestrial hypothesis, some group members were still reluctant to believe it. A schism between two diametrically opposed perceptions existed within Project Sign.[9] This dissension in the group may be the consequence of the influence of:

"...*the two individuals within the Intelligence Division*..."

whose work had been, from the beginning, to prevent "exotic" conclusions from being revealed. These two silence keepers were also supposed to:

"... *pass along certain types of information through channels*..."

But logically these two individuals had to either hold a position of authority or to be in direct contact with a MJ-12 member. Colonel McCoy, the Project Sign Director, held both positions of authority and had regular contact with Lieutenant General Twining, CO of AMC and proven member of MJ-12. Moreover, Colonel McCoy was the only military of the group who wasn't reassigned to other tasks immediately after Project Sign's closure. As AMC's Director of Intelligence Division, McCoy was therefore certainly in the loop and should thereby have followed the guidelines established by MJ-12. The second individual who had been subtly trying to influence the conclusions of Project Sign toward conventional explanations might have been John Honaker, Twining's liaison officer. In the picture (figure 29) we can see Honaker with his arms crossed, a pipe in his hand, wearing an unconcealed air of nonchalance...

Figure 29. Project Sign members in the intelligence conference room at Wright Patterson Air Force Base (1948). From left to right: Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm Seashore, Chief of Material Command Intelligence Analysis Technical (MCIAT); (unrecognizable person); lieutenant-colonel J. J. Hausman; Colonel Howard McCoy, Director of Air Materiel Command T-2 Intelligence Division; Captain Robert Sneider, Project Officer; Colonel William Clingerman, Executive Officer for Material Command Intelligence Analysis Technical (MCIAT); and John "Red" Honaker (with a pipe in his hand), Liaison Officer of Lieutenant General Twining.[10]

The Estimate of the Situation

To end the ongoing debates raging among the group, the proponents of the extraterrestrial hypothesis made the decision to submit a report to their immediate superiors, the Estimate of the Situation. On August 5, 1948, after that report was completed, it went straight up to the office of General Vandenberg, then Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force. Although the report was read by many senior officers on its way up, none of them wanted to take a position on its conclusions. The Estimate of the Situation not only confirmed the extraterrestrial origin of the unknown aircraft, it also concluded that the aliens were conducting a large scale

probing of the entire planet and did not seem hostile.[11] Unfortunately for Project Sign's members, the extraterrestrial thesis was the last thing Pentagon's senior officers wanted to give to the public. The report and its "premature" conclusions were immediately rejected by Vandenberg. Since the report's findings went against the guidelines issued by MJ-12, which were that the civilian population should never be made aware of the possibility of an alien presence, General Vandenberg made sure that such a blunder would not happen again by ordering a reorganization of Project Sign's committee.

Except Colonel McCoy, director of the project, all members of the study group were reassigned to other tasks with a note in their file stating that they had been excluded for lack of jugement.[12] Vandenberg also made sure to remove all traces of these pro-extraterrestrial conclusions by ordering the destruction of all copies of that report by fire.[13] It is interesting to note that General Vandenberg was the one responsible for the creation of a subcommittee whose function was precisely to determine the real intentions of these alleged "visitors", who seemed to observe all U.S. sensitive installations:

"*On April 29, 1947, CIA Director Hillenkoetter received estimates from a subcommittee created by General Vandenberg before he left the CIG called the Special Studies and Evaluation (SSE). SSE had prepared a plan to deal with the possible surveillance of U.S. atomic weapons research installations by "foreign" satellite objects and how to deal with the growing anxiety that prevailed on the U.S. defence intelligence agencies that spring*."[14]

General Vandenberg was therefore in a very good position to obtain sensitive information related to flying saucers and aliens. The fact that he was one of the higher-ups of the military hierarchy also gave him great liberty to decide how the UFO information was going to be hidden or disseminated. Other documents show us that Vandenberg wasn't just an MJ-12 agent but that he was part of it.[15] His presence into this secretive group was probably not a coincidence because his name is seen in numerous sensitive documents related to UFOs. Namely, in the IPU's Intelligence Assessment in which we can see:

"*The President was given a limited briefing at the Pentagon by AC/S AAF General Hoyt Vandenberg on the 10th of July."*[16]

and:

denied upon request of Deputy COS Lt. General Collins. Inquiries to bases involved was restricted by General Vandenberg during the duration of recovery efforts. All teletype, telephone and radio transmissions were monitored for any disclosures of the finds. To maintain secrecy

The previous excerpt confirms that General Vandenberg was directly involved in the control of information relating to UFOs and that his work during the Roswell event was related to the surveillance of electronic communications in order to prevent any disclosure about the event. It is therefore not surprising to see Vandenberg, then Chief of Staff of the Air Force and MJ-12 member, reject any reference to the extraterrestrial hypothesis and shut down Project Sign. General Vandenberg stated at that time that his decision was final despite the disagreement of the majority of the group's members.

And where the work of Project Sign ended, the MJ-12 Special Committee began. MJ-12 members suspected that other findings were to be expected and that they had to be ready when such events would occur. The error of the MJ-12 regarding Project Sign was that they thought they would be able to subtly influence a group of impartial individuals with "insiders" in a way that they would be able to control the resulting conclusions. The Estimate of the Situation had proved them wrong and this error, of course, would not happen again. In order to show the population that the Air Force had done its best to try to "elucidate" the UFO phenomenon while remaining "neutral", some scientists began to join the study group.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, an astrophysicist who had worked on classified projects for the U.S. Navy during World War II, had been appointed as the Air Force's scientific consultant at the beginning of Project Sign.[17] This relationship between Hynek and the Air Force would last over twenty years throughout the three succeeding UFO projects. From 1948

to 1969, Hynek made several interventions explaining UFO sightings by giving astronomical explanations. However, even astronomical explanations had their limits, and it was during an interview with Lieutenant Ruppelt in 1952 that Dr. Hynek admitted that he was wrong when he suggested that an experienced fighter pilot was killed because he was chasing Venus, which was the official conclusions of the Air Force after the press asked for answers. And like many other events of the kind, that was the way the Air Force treated the matter. After the destruction of the Estimate of the Situation and the "restructuration" of the study group, the Air Force adopted a total anti-UFO policy when it came to public relation. The clumsy conclusions of the Mantell incident were only the beginning of a long campaign of disinformation.

The Mantell UFO Incident

On January 7, 1948, a Kentucky Highway patrol officer contacted the operators of the control tower at Godman Army Airfield in Fort Knox after receiving sighting reports of a huge circular object flying over the area. Because the object seemed to be moving towards them, the tower operators decided to wait and see the object for themselves before warning anyone. In one of the official reports related to the incident, it is said that the assistant controller had seen the object at around 1:45 p.m. but he had waited some time before warning his superior. After he was made aware of the situation, the superior officer contacted Operations and, within a few minutes, several officers, including the base commander, the Intelligence Officer and the Operations Officer, arrived at the scene.

At 2:30 p.m., while they were discussing what measures they should take, four P-51 Mustangs appeared from the south.[18] Captain Mantell, who commanded the P-51 group, was immediately contacted by the control tower and asked to get closer to the object in order to identify it. Since none of the pilots could see the object, the tower had to point them in the direction where it was last seen. The group of P-51 had to climb to an altitude of 10,000 feet towards the object, but Mantell did it so fast that the other pilots couldn’t follow him. At around 2:45 p.m. Mantell contacted the tower to inform them that he was seeing something and was continuing his ascension. The control tower then asked Mantell for a description of the object and according to some versions his answer would have been:

“*I've sighted the thing. It looks metallic and it's tremendous in size.... Now it's starting to climb*. ”

And a few seconds later he would have added:

“*It's above me and I'm gaining on it. I'm going to 20,000 feet*.” [19]

These words from Mantell were the last ones heard by the controllers. The other P-51 pilots who followed Mantell had only climbed to an altitude of 15,000 feet because none of them had oxygen masks. It was very dangerous for a pilot to go above this limit, because the lack of oxygen inevitably caused a loss of consciousness, no matter your physical fitness. Shortly after the loss of contact, the control tower received information that Mantell had crashed, and he was dead. The news spread like wildfire and the media quickly published the news that a P-51 and its pilot had been destroyed after chasing a flying saucer. The press immediately turned to the Air Force for answers. Given that the planet Venus was in the vicinity of Mantell's flight path when he was going towards the object, the explanation provided by the Air Force was that the P-51 pilot had died chasing it.

Although the loss of consciousness from lack of oxygen seemed to have caused the incident, the official version of the Air Force about the risk taken by this pilot was far from unanimous. Very few believed that an experienced pilot like Captain Mantell could be fooled by the planet Venus to the point of risking his own life. Despite the skepticism of the official explanation, the Air Force’s conclusion about Captain Mantell’s incident held, and the media finally reported that the Pentagon seemed to hold solid evidence that confirmed it. The confusion around the Mantell UFO incident settled and the case has fallen into oblivion for nearly two years. It took two years before Dr. Allen Hynek was approached about the Mantell incident. Hynek had to answer the questions of the interviewer, because at the time of the incident he was a scientific consultant for the Air Force within Project Sign.

During the interview with Captain Ruppelt, Hynek admitted that he has been at the origin of the Venusian explanation even though it was unlikely that Venus had anything to do with the incident. Although Venus

was approximately at the same angle of approach of Mantell's P-51, its brilliance was very low at the time of the incident. Too low for a pilot to see it and chase it up to 20,000 feet...[20] If Mantell died after having chased something and it was not the planet Venus, then what was it? Another conclusion explaining the incident popped up during Captain Ruppelt's investigation while he was in charge of Blue Book; it was that Mantell died pursuing a Skyhook balloon... The Pentagon accepted this conclusion as the final official version, and considered the matter closed despite the sighting reports of the object described by many witnesses in Kentucky shortly before the incident.[21] Did this second investigation really solve the mystery of the Mantell incident or was it once again just a manipulation of information? From the information available in the *Majestic-12 Fifth Annual Report*, it seems that the Air Force deliberately covered up the real causes of the Mantell incident. In that top-secret report, Mantell would not have chased the planet Venus or a Skyhook balloon, but instead:

"...*a large metallic object*..." which was "...*structured and not in the flight path of a classified Navy SKYHOOK balloon*."

The report also indicates that Mantell's last words were:

"*It appears to be a metallic object... and it is of tremendous size*..."[22]

According to that report, Air Force investigators who inspected the debris and the crash site concluded that:

"...*Mantell's plane has been destroyed by a ionization phenomenon, possibly from the propulsion wash of the object's exhaust*."[23]

It seems that other incidents of the kind occurred in the Canadian Arctic in 1949-1950 but they were related to B-36 bombers that were on a routine patrol in the area. The debris of the crashed aircraft showed the same "markers" as those of Mantell's P-51 wreckage, but the slight difference was that all crew members had disappeared with the nuclear weapons they were transporting.[24] For each of these peculiar incidents the extraterrestrial thesis was never officially raised by the Air Force, even if it was discussed openly in this top-secret report...

Grudge

"*With the new name and the new personnel came the new objective, get rid of the UFOs. It was never specified this way in writing but it didn't take much effort to see that this was the goal of Project Grudge. This unwritten objective was reflected in every memo, report, and directive*."[25]

E. J. Ruppelt, *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*.

After Project Sign's "failure", flying saucer sighting reports continued to arrive at the Air Force's office. Brigadier General Donald Putt made the decision to change the project's name in December 1948; it officially became Project Grudge on February 11, 1949.[26] Unlike Project Sign, Grudge directives were clear: the extraterrestrial hypothesis should not be part of the final conclusions and these conclusions would have to be oriented towards natural explanations. The new mission of Project Grudge was simple: to solve each report by conventional explanations such as: weather phenomenon, hoaxes, mistakes of natural objects and collective psychosis...[27] In short, everyone who claimed to have seen something other than what was proposed by the Air Force would be considered simply insane! That was the policy of Project Grudge...

But beyond the application of this denial policy there was another pressing problem that Grudge's officials had to take care of. It was the increasing pressure of the media who requested to be informed about the progress of the project:

"*The apparent lack of interest in UFO reports by the press was not a true indication of the situation. I later found out, from talking to writers, that all during 1948 the interest in UFO's was running high. The Air Force Press Desk in the Pentagon was continually being asked what progress was being made in the UFO investigation. The answer was, "Give us time. This job can't be done in a week." The press respected this and was giving them time*."[28]

Meanwhile, journalists were still writing articles on the subject while waiting for the Air Force's version. Until the spring of 1949, most articles written on UFOs were mostly pro-alien.

Because they were unable to provide immediate detailed conclusions, Grudge members decided to appear in the media to "clarify" the situation on UFOs. This action was far from improvised, because they used the media to silence the "rumors" of extraterrestrial visitations while demonstrating to the public that the Air Force knew what they were doing. In other words, the Air Force used the media to convince the public that this flying saucer affair was nothing more than mass hysteria... In order to give effectiveness to this manipulation policy they had to give the impression that the media's conclusions were the same as the Air Force's officials regarding the explanation of the UFO phenomenon. To do this, they had to give an "exclusive" interview to a journalist, who in fact, wrote only what was dictated to him by Grudge officials. Sidney Shallet, a journalist from the Saturday Evening Post, was assigned to that task after having received the proper security clearance from the Pentagon: [29]

"*Shallet's article, which appeared in two parts in the April 30 and May 7, 1949, issues of the Saturday Evening Post, is important in the history of the UFO and in understanding the UFO problem because it had considerable effect on public opinion. Many people had, with varying degrees of interest, been wondering about the UFO's for over a year and a half. Very few had any definite opinions one way or the other. The feeling seemed to be that the Air Force is working on the problem and when they get the answer we'll know. There had been a few brief, ambiguous press releases from the Air Force but this meant nothing. Consequently when Shallet's article appeared in the Post-it was widely read. It contained facts, and the facts had come from Air Force Intelligence. This was the Air Force officially reporting on UFOs for the first time*."[30]

E. J. Ruppelt, *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*.

As expected, the author of the article adopted Grudge's policy and explained the UFO phenomenon by a multitude of conventional interpretations. Although Shallet's article admitted that a certain percentage of UFO reports remained unexplained, the extraterrestrial hypothesis was never mentioned. The whole article mainly discussed solved Air Force cases, but it was done in such a patronizing manner

that people who believed the exotic explanation would feel stupid just to have thought so.

Shallet's article was written in a way that created a negative psychological impact about the UFO subject by subtly suggesting the idea that those who claimed to have seen one either needed glasses or a psychiatrist... [31] The article also said that it was against their will and in order to prove that there was nothing special behind this flying saucer story that the Air Force allocated valuable resources in such a project like Grudge.[32] In other words, they were saying that this whole flying saucer thing was just a waste of time... Contrary to what had been expected, the public's interest did not decrease after to Shallet's article, but increase. The Air Force believed that the reaction of the people who read the article would be disenchantment and that they would not be interested in UFOs anymore, but that was not what happened.

Within a few days, a mass of sighting reports flooded the ATIC's office. These witnesses did not know exactly what these objects were, but they were sure that they were neither mirage nor hallucinations as mentioned in Shallet's article.[33]

A few days later, given that the public would not accept the Grudge point of view, the Air Force took the initiative to publish a detailed press release in which the whole UFO phenomenon was "explained" by a variety of conventional explanations. Aside the fact that people had begun to seriously doubt the Air Force's honesty in this affair, their perception towards UFOs remained the same. The witnesses knew that what they saw was real, despite what the Air Force said about it. In August 1949, Grudge members published a report from the study of 244 sighting reports. Dr. Allen Hynek commented on the 244 reports from an astronomical point of view. Of these 244 reports, nearly a third would be identified as astronomical phenomenon.[34] Although at first glance, these statistics may seem normal, it seems, however, that both Hynek and the Air Force deliberately manipulated them in order to minimize the proportion of unidentified. In 1985, in an interview given by Dr. Hynek, he clearly stated that he had deliberately manipulated the data in favor of natural explanations:

STACY: *Was there ever any direct pressure applied by the Air Force itself for you to come up with a conventional explanation to these phenomena*?

HYNEK: *There was an implied pressure, yes, very definitely*.

STACY: *In other words, you found yourself caught, like most of us, in a situation of trying to please your boss?*

HYNEK: *Yes, you might as well put it that way, although at the same time I wasn't going against my scientific precepts. As an astronomer and physicist, I simply felt a priori that everything had to have a natural explanation in this world. There were no ifs, and or buts about it. The ones I couldn't solve, I thought if we just tried harder, had a really proper investigation, that we probably would find an answer for. My batting average was about 80 per cent and I figured that anytime you were hitting that high, you were doing pretty good. That left about 20 per cent unsolved for me, but only about three or four per cent for the Air Force, because they used statistics in a way I would never have allowed for myself. For example, cases labelled as insufficient information they would consider solved! They also had some other little tricks. If a light were seen, they would say, "aircraft have lights, therefore, probable aircraft." Then, at the end of the year, when the statistics were made up, they would drop the "possible" or "probable" and simply call it aircraft*."[35]

The Flying Saucers are Real!

The many public interventions of the Air Force trying to ridicule the UFO phenomenon had quickly sowed doubt in the minds of many people. Some had even begun to conduct their own investigation and tried to find out what was really going on with these flying saucer stories. This bewilderment situation also stirred up the interest of journalists because they understood that the Air Force was desperately trying to hide something. It was during this period of confusion that the editor of True Magazine asked a former military pilot, who had become a writer after his retirement, to write an article on the flying saucer phenomenon situation. On May 9, 1949, only two days after the release of Shallet's article, Donald Keyhoe received the following telegram:

NEW YORK, N. Y., MAY 9, 1949

HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATING FLYING SAUCER MYSTERY. FIRST TIP HINTED GIGANTIC HOAX TO COVER UP OFFICIAL SECRET. BELIEVE IT MAY HAVE BEEN PLANTED TO HIDE REAL ANSWER. LOOKS LIKE TERRIFIC STORY. CAN YOU TAKE OVER WASHINGTON? END.

KEN W. PURDY, EDITOR, TRUE MAGAZINE[36]

During the previous two months, Ken Purdy, True Magazine's editor, had tried unsuccessfully to get first-hand information on the involvement of the Air Force in the flying saucer situation. Since many journalists who were tasked to find anything were constantly rebuffed by prefabricated answers coming from Grudge and Air Force officials, Purdy realized that he had to hire someone who already had contacts within the military world if he wanted to get to the real story. For this unusual story, it would be a good thing to use Major Keyhoe's contacts within the Pentagon, the Air Force and Navy. Keyhoe accepted the challenge and, after only a few interviews with senior officers, he realized that his editor was right. Air Force officials were desperately trying to hide the truth about flying saucers from the public. They were doing so by undertaking an extensive denigration campaign to prevent anyone from seeking the truth.[37]

During the first weeks of his investigation, Keyhoe met with high-ranking military officers to see if he would be able to do a better job than his colleagues by getting his information from an official source. His meeting with General Sory Smith, Director of the Office of Public Information, was unsuccessful and Keyhoe received no new information. Because official channels seemed hopeless, Keyhoe began to look into his informal circles of military contacts.

His first targets were Admiral Delmar Fahmey and Admiral Calvin Bolster, both former classmates. Fahmey was then a prominent figure of the Navy guided missile and Bolster was Director of the Office of Naval Research.[38] The purpose of the meeting with these two officers was to

verify the rumors stating that flying saucers could be secret military prototypes.

But after having analyzed the information, this lead did not seem to be a valid explanation; because logically, the Army would not test classified aircraft over heavily populated areas. The extraterrestrial hypothesis was still the best explanation. For over six months, Keyhoe met many firsthand witnesses and accumulated sufficient data and evidence to write an article based on facts. These facts were that many people had seen real flying objects whose flight performance surpassed all that was known in the aviation world at that time. It was based on these performances and maneuvers described by the witnesses that Keyhoe became convinced that these objects were operated by non-terrestrial intelligence. This assumption was also shared by many skilled people such as scientists, astronomers, aerospace experts as well as Air Force officials who agreed to speak about it only anonymously.[39] In January 1950, Keyhoe's article was finally published in True Magazine with the appealing title: *The Flying Saucers are Real!*

The popularity of the article was unprecedented, and according to Edward Ruppelt, its success was caused in part because of the negative attitude of the Air Force towards the phenomenon and its constant denial policy. People wanted to hear another version and that was exactly what Keyhoe offered.[40] The extraterrestrial hypothesis was discussed in the first paragraph. Keyhoe wrote that it was after months of intensive research that he came to the conclusion that our planet was closely monitored by intelligent beings traveling in flying saucers. He noted in his article:

1. The earth has been observed periodically by visitors from another planet.

2. This observation has increased markedly in the past two years.

Keyhoe also wrote about the classified military prototype hypothesis only to quickly dismiss it, keeping the alien explanation as the most plausible one:

"...*the saucers are extremely high-speed, long-range devices developed here on earth. Such an advance (which the Air Force has denied) would require an almost incredible leap in technical progress even for American scientists and designers*."[41]

The popularity of Keyhoe's article was probably one of the triggers that launched him to the forefront of the UFO scene. Following this article, Keyhoe published several books on the subject; the first of the series had the same title as his article. Nearly half a million copies of the book *The Flying Saucers are Real!* were rapidly sold. Strangely, Keyhoe's first conclusions were similar to the defunct Project Sign's Estimate of the Situation - Earth was watched by visitors from outer space! The Air Force did not want to hear this explanation and the Pentagon did not want it to be implanted in the mind of the public. It was urgent to respond quickly to this story that was spreading like wildfire. The ATIC therefore took the initiative and called for a press conference where a general would, once again, utter the words, "hoax," "hallucinations" and "misidentifications of conventional objects" in the hope that people would hear reason and cease to give credit to Keyhoe's article.[42]

During a brief press conference, where Grudge officials remained firm about their own view of the flying saucer phenomenon, again like spells, the same magic words were uttered. This USAF media propaganda was in fact only the visible application of Project Grudge's anti-UFO policy. But despite the self-assurance of the top brass speakers, the public began to suspect that the Air Force was not telling the whole truth about what they knew.[43] The sense of authority that Grudge members wanted to impose had gradually turned into ridicule. The Air Force would again have to take measures in order to correct the situation with public opinion in UFO matters. In December 1949, Major General Charles Cabell, chief of Air Force Intelligence, decided to close Project Grudge and submit a final report in which the "definitive" findings of the investigation would be submitted to the public in the hope that they would be considered.

Official and Non-Official Conclusions

On December 27, 1949, given the Air Force had agreed to share the findings of their investigation with the public, they published a final report with the following conclusions: “The Air Force has discontinued its special project investigating and evaluating reported “flying saucers” on the basis that there is no evidence the reports are not the results of natural phenomena. Discontinuance of the project, which was carried out by the Air Force, was concurred in the Departments of the Army and the Navy. The Air Force said that all evidence and analysis indicate that the reports of unidentified flying objects are the result of:

1. Misinterpretation of various conventional objects.

2. A mild form of mass hysteria.

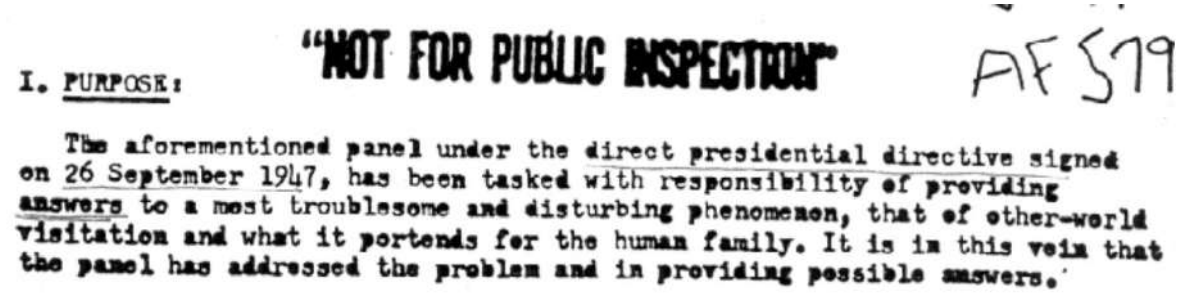
3. Or hoaxes.

The project was established two years ago at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Headquarters of the Air Force’s Air Materiel Command. Since January 1948 some 375 incidents have been reported and investigated. Assisting special investigators were scientific consultants from universities and from governmental agencies. The Air Force said that continuance of the project is unwarranted since additional incidents now are simply confirming findings already reached.”[44]

Despite the fact that the findings of this 600-page final report were mostly oriented toward conventional explanations, its publication raised some interest. After all, it was "everything" that the Air Force knew about flying saucers... This report was therefore the undeniable "evidence" that the Air Force had worked hard in the last two years trying to solve the flying saucer mystery. Many people believed in the Air Force’s official version which claimed that they knew nothing other than what was written in the report. The interest on the matter continued because the general population continued to believe there was much more to know about flying saucers.[45] In fact, Air Force officials knew much more than they confessed to the public.

In 1947, the Air Force had collected a great quantity of information about UFOs which were shared into annual reports bearing the words, "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY" and "NOT FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION".[46]

The information in these reports were very different from – and even contradictory to – the ones disclosed to the public by the Air Force. The control and dissemination of this information was done by the CIA and MJ-12 and only those with proper security clearance were allowed to see it. These classified reports were separated into parts where each exploitable aspect of recovered alien spaceships and their technology was discussed from different angles: intelligence, politics, science, weapons and even sometimes religion. On the front cover of one of them we can see this:[47]



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I. PURPOSE:

The aforementioned panel under the direct presidential directive signed on 26 September 1947, has been tasked with responsibility of providing answers to a most troublesome and disturbing phenomenon, that of other-world visitation and what it portends for the human family. It is in this vein that the panel has addressed the problem and in providing possible answers.

Legal, moral, scientific and religious questions related to the alien presence were part of the agenda and experts from various fields were asked to adjudicate about them. From a foreign intelligence perspective, we learn in these documents that no country had, at the time, the technical means to reproduce the performance of these UFOs and that they should in all logic be of extraterrestrial origin.[48] Some parts of these documents are of interest because they explain how the information has been helpful in advancing the ULATT reverse engineering program. ULATT meant Unidentified Lenticular Aerodyne Technology Transfer program which was under MJ-12's order. The MJ-12 members were, at the time, studying the various components of recovered alien wreckage from Roswell and elsewhere in order to develop a secret military space program. In this regard, we can see in the *MJ-12 Fifth Annual Report* interesting information that leads us to believe that there was surely another version of the story: [49]

D. Technology

At present, the ability to reconstruct the technology that may be some ahead of us, the boost to our current efforts would be incalculable. Areas such as aircraft and missile design would benefit only after a working understanding has been achieved. Weapons sciences will follow.

E. Nuclear Weapons Development

Miniturization of atomic bomb components is the goal of the AEC and the AFSWP. Studies at MIT indicate that such a technology is within reach before the decade is out. The apparent use of micro-circuitry found on the recovered platform indicates that miniturization, low-power transmission, light conductor/sensitive components are required for interplanetary space travel. Atomic engines and nuclear propulsion technologies could be advanced based upon current use of hydrogen and electro-magnetic research and weapons components development in U.S. and U.K.

Because of the disparity of the information contained in some of these reports, appendices were attached and divided into sections. Unrelated data succeeded and each of them referred to UFO events: sightings, crashes and retrievals of alien wreckage, as well as actions taken by the individuals involved in those events.[50] Standard reports inevitably ended with short conclusions, but they were actually quite eloquent as to the true nature of the UFO situation, as seen in the following excerpt:[51]

CONCLUSIONS:

The future of American citizens and the world for that matter are jeopardized today by developments as portentious as those leading to World War II. Given the growing challenge from the Soviet Union and her satellites and the intrusion of extraterrestrials, the United States is compelled, therefore, to initiate realistic lines of action to protect United States strategic interests.

These top-secret reports and their conclusions were dissimilar to those issued by the Air Force in their official declarations; because you can see clearly that the alien presence is identified as a potential threat to the country. In his investigation for True Magazine, Major Donald Keyhoe had been informed that reports, or parts of them, had been voluntarily withdrawn from the official UFO study project:

"*I learned later that many witnesses had been investigated by the FBI to weed out crackpot reports. I ended up badly puzzled. The evidence was more impressive than I had suspected. It was plain that many*

reports had been entirely suppressed, or at least kept out of the papers."[52]

During some UFO sighting waves, it was common that journalists crossed paths with government officials while meeting the same witnesses. Keyhoe himself happened to meet some of them and he wrongly believed that these were FBI agents. In fact, as Edward Ruppelt said in his book *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*, government officials who were investigating UFOs at the time were federal agents but not FBI.[53] They were CIA working under the guidance of the National Security Council via MJ-12. CIA agents met the witnesses of UFO-related events in order to filter the information. They had to ensure that no sensitive information went public and that no factual proof found its way into the hands of the population. A classification in relation to the type of observation was used by government investigators, and those who said they had a close encounter were put in the "crackpot" category.[54] The crackpot reports were not part of the official UFO study, but their information was sucked up into the secret UFO project controlled by MJ-12. In other words, the so-called crackpot reports were good ones whose information could help in the advancement of the secret UFO research program. All this information found its way into MJ-12's classified reports.

The information included in these reports confirms that the U.S. government knew, from the early fifties, that interplanetary space travel was possible and that this technology would be within reach in the next decade.[55] Operation Majestic-12 had been established to develop this interplanetary space travel technology.

In order for the operation to be effective, the Air Force would have to continue gathering as much information as possible about these visitors and their technologies through a new official UFO study project; this project would be orientated towards a more "open" public relation status than Grudge in order to regain the public's trust. Among other notable differences between these two projects, the new one would have the CIA involved in it as a secret supervisor.

Blue Book

Even though the latest Air Force's conclusions were that they had ceased their investigation and that those who claimed to have seen flying saucers were crackpots the sightings continued to occur anyway. The public began to doubt more and more of the sincerity of Air Force's officials because of their insistence of denying the facts despite continuous UFO sightings done by credible witnesses. In September 1950, another book that contradicts the official version was written, *Behind the Flying Saucers* by Frank Scully.

In his book, Scully wrote that not only the U.S. military knew about flying saucers, but moreover, they had recovered at least three UFOs and they were studying them in secret.[56] Scully also said that intelligence agencies did everything in their power to control the information that relates to it. Among Scully's sources, there is a certain Dr. Gee, one of the alleged scientists who had worked on the analysis of these recovered saucers. The overall book was quite provocative because it was pointing at a clandestine U.S. agency whose agents did not hesitate to intimidate UFO sightings' witnesses. As one may have guessed, this secretive agency which Scully talked about was none other than the CIA.

And during their first active years, CIA agents were not forced to disclose their identity or even the name of the agency they were working for. They were anonymous federal agents working for an invisible agency investigating a phenomenon that did not exist...

Since the beginning of its existence in 1947, the CIA stayed behind the scenes in order to secretly obtain as much information as possible from eyewitnesses, recover all physical evidence and, when needed, prevent anyone from disclosing sensitive information in regard to UFOs. In its investigation, Scully had managed to discover the true name of this mysterious agency, the Central Intelligence Agency... In the early fifties, the existence of the CIA and its agents was known only by a small number of individuals within the government. Among them were senior officers of the Pentagon, MJ-12 members, the National Security Council, and the directors of military intelligence agencies. They knew very well the existence of CIA, because it was the government agency, which

since the fall of 1947, managed and coordinated the entire civil and military intelligence.

After Grudge's closure, confusion was at its height about what attitude the Air Force should adopt relatively to the UFO situation. While the Pentagon continued to defend the anti-saucerian explanation as published in Grudge's final report, some senior military officers began to question the official version. In September 1951, after a radar operator from Fort Monmouth, N.J. had detected an object moving faster than a jet, the Director of Air Force Intelligence, Major General Charles P. Cabell, called an emergency meeting at the Pentagon.[57] The object in question had not only been detected on radar, he was also pursued by a T-33 jet aircraft. The pilot who had pursued the UFO for a few minutes before seeing it vanish at high speed was described as metallic, disc-shaped and 30 to 50 feet diameter.[58]

In short, the pilot had seen a flying saucer...! Although these kinds of sighting reports were common during those years, this one draw particular attention because the radar operator that detected the object was surrounded by senior military officers who also had witnesses the incident. This report therefore could not be shelved and had to follow the proper course of the investigation process. The problem was that since the last two years the Air Force did no longer investigate UFOs officially. Technically there was no specific place where to direct UFO reports, but because they still kept coming on a regular basis, these reports were given to ATIC where minimal attention was allocated to them.[59] But things changed almost immediately after the meeting at the Pentagon organized by Major General Cabell on September 12, 1951, when the New Jersey case came on the agenda. Captain Edward Ruppelt, future Blue Book Director, said that this meeting was intense and that the explanation of the phenomenon by the members present was far from resembling the official version:

"*Every word of the two-hour meeting was recorded on a wire recorder. The recording was so hot that it was later destroyed, but not before I had heard it several times. I can't tell everything that was said but, to be conservative, it didn't exactly follow the tone of the official Air Force releases — many of the people present at the meeting weren't as*

convinced that the "hoax, hallucination, and misidentification" answer was quite as positive as the Grudge Report and subsequent press releases made out."[60]

The reason for this ideological schism between the Pentagon and some Air Force's officers came in part from the tight compartmentalization of information relating to UFOs between security levels. Levels above top-secret had access to a very different version than the lower levels. And that's probably because some generals and colonels had not been in the loop that a new UFO project was set up.[61] Before the insistence of some officers present at the September 12, 1951, meeting, Major General Cabell authorized the reactivation of the UFO study project in order to "shed light once and for all on the phenomenon." On October 27, 1951, almost two years after Project Grudge closed, the Air Force opened a third flying saucers project. They gave the temporary name Aerial Phenomena Group to this new organization and in March 1952, it was renamed Project Blue Book.[62]

The Air Force Letter 200-5 and JANAP 146

To the general surprise, on April 3, 1952, the U.S. Air Force's officials announced publicly that they had not stopped investigating UFOs, and that they will continue to collect and study the submitted UFO sighting reports. This unexpected about-turn was followed by an internal letter from the Air Force, the *Air Force Letter No. 200-5* dated April 29, 1952, which said:

"*This Letter sets forth Air Force responsibility and reporting procedures for information and materiel pertaining to unidentified flying objects. All incidents observed by Air Force personnel or received at any Air Force installation from a civilian source will be reported in accordance with this Letter, except that all airborne sightings by Air Force personnel, Civilian Air Patrol, and regularly scheduled United States airline pilots will also be reported as provided by JANAP 146 series (CIRVIS)*." [63]

This letter also said that the Air Force had continuously studied UFO sighting reports in the last years, but the analysis of these reports neither proved nor discredited the possible existence of these objects. It was

therefore necessary to continue to gather more information on this matter and this structured procedure to report UFO sightings had been established specifically for this purpose. The AF Letter 200-5 also said that it was imperative to report these sightings immediately to the Director of Air Force Intelligence and to ATIC.

And of course, it was only after having taken control of the most sensitive UFO-related information that the valuable observations and their analysis were hidden from the public.[64] As for JANAP 146, this publication was set up as a joint military procedure that would facilitate the dissemination of good UFO reports in an effective and fast way through secured channels. The CIRVIS-MERINT procedures, a communication standardized system was part of JANAP 146 (Figure 30).[65] The JANAP 146 publication has undergone many changes over the years since its first release in October 1948. It was during the amendment of September 25, 1950, (JANAP 146A) that CIRVIS procedure was implemented. The category “UFO” was also added to the list of sighting reports.[66]

These sets of publications and procedures served among other things to obtain real-time information about the intrusion of alien crafts while keeping the silence about these events. The JANAP 146 publication applied (and still applies) to all pilots of ships and military aircraft as well as commercial airliners pilots and merchant ships on all Canadian and U.S. territories. The information that comes from CIRVIS-MERINT reports are rarely made public as the disclosure of their contents is liable to severe prison sentences and heavy fines.[67] With these tools in hand, the Air Force was now ready for the start up of its new official UFO project.

It was Captain Edward J. Ruppelt, who at the request of Lieutenant Colonel Rosengarten, inherited the direction of Project Blue Book. It was Captain Ruppelt who had been appointed to it because since he joined ATIC in January 1951 as intelligence officer, he took the initiative to study some sighting reports by himself.[67] His interest in the matter and his great organizational skills made him an ideal candidate to fulfill such a task.[68]

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CIRVIS-MERINT REPORTING PROCEDURE

1. MESSAGE IDENTIFICATION

(a) Reports made from airborne and land-based sources will be identified by **CIRVIS** (pronounced SUR-VEES) as the first word of the text.

(b) Reports made by waterborne sources will be identified by **MERINT** (pronounced MUR-ENT) as the first word of the text.

2. WHAT TO REPORT

Report immediately all airborne and waterborne objects which appear to be **HOSTILE**, are **UNIDENTIFIED** or are acting suspiciously.

Submarines, surfaced or partly submerged.

Surface warships positively identified as not Canadian or U.S. Other ships or boats acting suspiciously.

Aircraft or vapour trails which appear to be directed against Canada, the United States, their territories or possessions.

Guided Missiles

Unidentified Flying Objects or unidentified objects in the water.

3. SEND TO ANY

Canadian Military Establishment,
RCMP Post,
Department of Transport or Fisheries Representative,
Hudson's Bay Company Northern Radio-Equipped Store, or
The nearest open Canadian Telegraph Office. (By telephone if necessary.)

Use the quickest possible means to make your report.

4. SEND THIS KIND OF MESSAGE

(a) Begin your message with the word "CIRVIS" or "MERINT" as applicable.
(b) Give the identification of the observer, aircraft or vessel making the report.
(c) Describe briefly the objects sighted.
(d) Indicate where and when the objects were sighted.
(e) If objects are airborne, estimate altitude as "low", "medium", "high".
(f) Give direction of travel of sighted objects.
(g) Estimate and give speed of sighted objects.
(h) Give other significant information.

5. SEND IMMEDIATELY

DO NOT DELAY YOUR REPORT DUE TO INCOMPLETE INFORMATION.

NOTE

There are no charges to the originator in the handling of CIRVIS or MERINT messages.

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Figure 30. CIRVIS-MERINT REPORTING PROCEDURE.[65]

From Flying Saucers to UFOs

From 1951 to 1953, as Director of Project Blue Book, Ruppelt accomplished many achievements. One of them was to replace the term "flying saucer" by "unidentified flying object" or UFO.[69] Captain Ruppelt had chosen to use this new term because unknown objects observed did have different shape and size. However, because it gave no real information on the observed objects except that they were “unknown” the word UFO was only used by the Air Force for public speeches and outside publications. A UFO may be anything that flies, but one cannot discern exactly what it is. By definition, this is a flying object which the observer does not have enough data to successfully identify it correctly. Thus, a flock of migratory birds moving at high altitude can be considered as a UFO if its shape is not sufficiently defined to recognize it. A plane from which the Sun sends a light reflection toward an observer located too far away to identify it properly is a UFO. The planet Venus, whose extreme brightness before sunrise or after sunset becomes a UFO for an observer with no astronomical knowledge.

All these objects can be considered UFOs and they can be explained after a little investigation by competent investigators. But when a non-conventional flying object whose shape and structure display flight performances that surpass everything that is known, that is no longer a UFO. It is more of an unknown aircraft. The difference may seem trivial, but it is in this difference of appellations that resides the confusion that impedes people to know the truth about an alien presence. Ruppelt, as well as other members of the intelligence community have managed to give back Air Force’s authority on the matter by making the population believe they were studying UFOs seriously and that they were going to tell them everything they know about them. We can say that Blue Book was very similar to the previous study projects because it was designed to obtain information from the public while minimizing their importance. What was different, however, was that the CIA had used this new UFO project to start a mass manipulation of information related to UFOs as

proposed by the Psychological Strategy Board.[70] The Psychological Strategy Board established in April 1951, was created by the MJ-12 to shape public opinion regarding UFOs.[71]

In other words, just as in projects Sign and Grudge it was the MJ-12 Committee that secretly led Blue Book. And given that MJ-12 members had been instructed to keep the public in the dark about extraterrestrial reality they took every measure to do so. This also meant that all reports deemed too sensitive were simply taken of Project Blue Book to leave only the reports that could be solved by natural explanations and other with minimal value.[72] Although from a formal point of view, the Air Force was the organization in charge of the project, behind the scenes, however, it was the MJ-12 via the CIA that pulled the strings. In some cases, it happened that the sightings occurred in densely populated areas. It was during these events that the CIA had to use of ingenuity to bring down the interest of the media and the public by using well-orchestrated disinformation campaign. The 1952 Washington, D.C., UFO incident is one but good example of the effectiveness of these silence keepers to conceal the alien presence.

The 1952 Washington, D.C. UFO Incident

In July 1952, for two consecutive weekends, Washington, D.C., was host of the most spectacular and probably the most publicized UFO sightings in ufology history. It all started on the evening of July 19, 1952, when a radar operator from the Washington National Airport detected seven objects traveling at about 100 miles per hour near Andrews Air Force Base. The sighted objects showed nothing unusual until two of them began to accelerate suddenly and disappear from the radar screen. The operator’s instruments have recorded the speed of one of these objects at 7,000 miles per hour before his disappearance. Several radar controllers that were on the scene became curious especially after they were informed that two other radar towers had also detected these unknown objects. For nearly six hours the objects flew around Washington, D.C., by exhibiting these same astonishing flight performances.[73] The problem with these objects was not that they were traveling at great speeds with unusual movements, but rather because they were flying over the Capitol and the White House; a secure and

restricted airspace. This caused the scrambling of jet fighters towards these UFOs. Upon the arrival of the fighters, the objects were gone...

Was it a hallucination or a radar malfunction? It seems not, because before the jet's arrival, many airline pilots who flew in this area have reported seeing these objects in the same place where the radar had detected them.[74] On July 26, the UFOs were back on top of the White House. Again, Washington Airport and Andrews Airfield radar operators had detected these objects and alerted Air Force to dispatch jet fighters. At midnight, two F-94s were scrambled from Newcastle towards the UFO location. At the same time, the journalists who had visited the radar tower to cover the event were asked to leave; the mentioned reason was that the interception procedures were classified.[75]

Just like the previous week, the UFOs disappeared from radar screens as soon as the F-94 arrived. The pilots did not detect the targets moving away from Washington, D.C area and as hide and seek game, UFOs were seen again on radar screens over the U.S. Capital. After several minutes of this blind chase, radar operators directed the pilots directly towards the UFOs until they could see them. On some occasions the pilots were able to get close enough to see a light away, but when they began to be within firing range the UFOs suddenly accelerated and disappeared. After several unsuccessful attempts the jet fighters returned to their base and at dawn the UFOs were gone for good.[76] The next morning, the event made the headlines of several newspapers and on the Washington Post’s front page one could read: "Saucers Outran Jet, Pilot reveals." In the inset of this front page, an article on the subject said that a secret investigation was underway after fighter jets have pursued UFOs above the city (Figure 31). The article mentioned that an "expert" identified as Captain E.J. Ruppelt had been contacted in connection to this case. As Captain Ruppelt was considered the flying saucers expert by the media and that he was in Washington, D.C., during the events, journalists have therefore phoned him to have his version of the events. A memorandum issued on July 28, 1952, describes one of these communications between Ruppelt and a journalist who insisted on having information on the Washington, D.C., events of July 26. The memorandum said that despite the insistence of the journalist, Ruppelt made no comment on the incident beyond the fact that certain radar

images could be caused by weather, birds, equipment malfunction and several other reasons that were all natural causes.[78]

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Figure 31. Front page of the Washington Post, July 28, 1952.[77]

None of the reasons given by Ruppelt to the reporter involved real and solid objects that could suggest unidentified aircraft despite the fact that radar operators were convinced of that. It was obvious that the Air Force would never admit publicly that extraterrestrial aircraft had flown over the White House. The meteorological explanation then seemed the best way out of this hopeless situation. Ruppelt's own words about these events were:

"*Besides trying to figure out what the Washington National UFO's were, we had the problem of what to tell the press. They were now beginning to put on a squeeze by threatening to call a congressman — and nothing chills blood faster in the military. They wanted some kind of an official statement and they wanted it soon*."[79]

Pending Air Force official statements, journalists still had the testimony of the pilots who attempted maneuvers on these UFOs. These "unauthorized" disclosures gave some substance to journalists, and they were able to write a few articles on the matter. But compared to a real official declaration coming from the Air Force, these stories were mere

curiosities, although they have served to gain some time over the media until the official press conference.

The USAF Press Conference

"*About midmorning on Tuesday, July 29th, Major General John Samford sent word down that he would hold a press conference that afternoon in an attempt to straighten out the UFO situation with the press*."[80]

E. J. Ruppelt, *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*.

On July 29, 1952, because the media asked for immediate answers, Major General John Samford, then Director of Air Force Intelligence called for a press conference at the Pentagon (Figure 32). Along with Samford was General Roger Ramey, who five years earlier had managed to silence the Roswell crash "rumors" with the weather balloon explanation. Captain Roy James joined Samford as a radar specialist and Captain Ruppelt as head of Project Blue Book.[81] The presence of these "experts" probably served to demonstrate to the public that the Air Force followed every lead possible in order to know more about the phenomenon. Nevertheless, this was nothing more than a public relation campaign because they stated nothing more than what was said by Major General Samford in his declaration during that press conference in July 1952.

"*The Air Force feels a very definite obligation to identify and analyze things that happen in the air that may have in them menace to the United States and, because of that feeling of obligation and our pursuit of that interest. Since 1947, we have an activity that was known once as Project Saucer and now, as part of another more stable and integrated organization, have undertaken to analyze between a thousand and two thousand reports dealing with this area. And out of that mass of reports that we've been able to take things which were originally unidentified and dispose of them to our satisfaction in terms of bulk where we came to the conclusion that these things were either friendly aircraft erroneously recognized or reported, hoaxes, quite a few of those, electronic and*

meteorological phenomena of one sort or another, light aberrations, and many other things."[82]

But to regain the public's thrust and not repeat the mistake of Project Grudge, the Air Force had to demonstrate an "open" attitude towards the UFO phenomenon. After a pause of a few seconds, Samford added this:

"*However, there have remained a percentage of this total, in the order of twenty per cent of the reports that have come from credible observers of relatively incredible things. And because of those things not being possible for us to move along and associated with the kinds of things that we've found can be associated with the bulk of these reports, we keep on being concerned about them.*

However, I'd like to say that the difficulty with disposing of these reports is largely based upon the lack of any standard measurement or any ability to measure these things which have been reported briefly by some, more elaborately by others, but with no measuring devices that can convert the thing or the idea or the phenomenon into something that becomes manageable as material for any kind of analysis that we know. We take some of these things and we try to get the best professional advice, if we can, from them, about them, and we're in much the same position of trying to bring to the good honest workmen of science a piece of material that has no utility because it doesn't have the kind of measurements on it that he can use. And, as a consequence, he has to reject these things and say, "Until you can bring me something more substantial than that, I can't make any progress."

So our need, really, is to get the measurement value on these and, in the interim, lacking sufficient measure of these things to make them amenable to real analysis, we have to say that our real interest in this project is not one of intellectual curiosity but is in trying to establish and appraise the possibility of a menace to the United States. And we can say, as of now, that there has been no pattern that reveals anything remotely like purpose or remotely like consistency that we can in any way associate with any menace to the United States. Now, we do want to continue in the interests of intellectual curiosity or the contributions to be made to scientific measurements, but our main interest is going to have

to continue in the problem of seeing whether the things have the possibility of hurt to the United States, and our present dilemma of lack of measurement that can be turned to analysis and a complete lack of patterns in any of these things which give any clue to possible purpose or possible use, leaves us in some dilemma as to what we can do about this remaining twenty per cent of unidentified phenomena.

The volume of reporting is related to many things. We know that reports of this kind go back to Biblical times. There have been flurries of them in various centuries. 1846 seems to have had a time when there was quite a flurry of reporting of this kind. Our current series of reports goes back, generally, to 1946 in which things of this kind were reported in Sweden. There are many reasons why this volume goes up and down, but we can't help but believe that, currently, one of the reasons for volume is that man is doing a great deal more. There's more man-made activity in the air now than there was, certainly, in Biblical times or in 1846. In addition to that, our opportunities to observe have been enhanced greatly. The difficult part of it, as far as advancing the program is concerned, is that our ability to measure doesn't seem to have advanced in any way as well as our opportunity to observe and the greater recurrence of more disturbing things of this sort that are actually in existence from man-made air participation that we know about. So, our present course of action is to continue on this problem with the best of our ability, giving to it the attention that we feel it very definitely warrants in terms of identifying adequately the growing or possible or disappearing, if it turns out to be that, menace to the United States to give it adequate attention but not frantic attention."[83]

Although there was nothing new under the sun, that statement was intended to show to the public that the Air Force had nothing to hide and that enough resources were allowed to determine the causes of this phenomenon. The journalists then asked some questions to the Major General in relation to the latest D.C. events, and his answer was that they were not linked to any U.S. classified prototype under development. According to Major General Samford, the Washington, D.C., sightings were caused by a weather phenomenon known as “temperature inversion”.[84] The theory of temperature inversions had been discussed beforehand with three people who had been present during these

events, they were: Major Dewey Fournet; Albert Chop; and Lieutenant Holcomb, an electronics expert. Interestingly, these three individuals who had rejected the inversion temperature vigorously as a possible explanation to the Washington, D.C. sightings were not allowed to speak during the press conference.[85]

It was Captain Roy James who, even though he held very little information on the latest events because of his late arrival to Washington, D.C., explained to the journalists how temperature inversions could distort radar data stating that it was this weather phenomenon that caused the sightings.[86] The media were nevertheless satisfied with this prosaic explanation and for them it was obvious that the Air Force was hiding something. During the days that preceded the press conference, journalists had done their homework by interrogating many witnesses related to the events. The media were now convinced that Air Force's officials were lying through their teeth when it comes to flying saucers. The next day the headlines were: ***AIR FORCE DEBUNKS SAUCERS AS JUST NATURAL PHENOMENA***

Figure 32. Press conference at the Pentagon, July 29, 1952. From left: Captain R.L. James (ATIC's radar specialist); Major General Roger Ramey (HQ USAF); standing at the center, Captain Edward Ruppelt (Director Project Blue Book); seated right, Major General John A. Samford (Director Air Force Intelligence); standing right, Colonel Donald L. Bower, and B.L. Griffing.

The press conference and its meteorological explanation had the desired effect because the media had ceased to harass the Air Force immediately after it. As for the temperature inversion theory, this "good idea" came from Donald Menzel,[87] a listed member of the MJ-12 Committee... The use of Menzel's temperature inversion theory, demonstrate that Major General Samford's statements must have been influenced by the MJ-12. It is therefore not surprising to see the MJ-12's involvement throughout Blue Book, particularly when it came to choose an "impartial" scientific committee that would determine whether UFOs represent a potential threat to national security.[88]

The Robertson Panel, the CIA and MJ-12

"*Disinformation policy was strengthened following the recommendations of a "scientific" panel convened by the CIA in December 1952, the Robertson Panel, inviting to "strip the UFO phenomenon of its aura of mystery." The same panel recommended the "monitoring" of UFO associations, which have been in fact infiltrated by the CIA*."[89]

The COMETA Report, France, 1999.

Project Blue Book was thus a formidable public relation machine used to keep people in ignorance through misinformation. But to shape public opinion against the UFO phenomenon they had, before anything, to shape those of military and scientific authorities who were not in the secret of the gods... These people had to be convinced that this entire UFO thing was exactly what the MJ-12 would have decided it to be. To do this, the CIA had secretly hired a scientific committee, the Scientific Advisory Panel on UFOs or the Robertson Panel, which after studying the UFO issue would be responsible to submit various recommendations and solutions to "fix" this problem.[90] In fact, this scientific committee was only a front behind which MJ-12 used the then secretive CIA to indirectly influence the military and all those involved in government agencies that

can play a public role in connection with UFOs. This idea was born from the Psychological Strategy Board, one of the CIA branches specialized in shaping the public's perception related to UFO sightings. This committee was established in April 1951 and directed by Gordon Gray, another founding member of the MJ-12.[91]

Among the scientists who sat on the Robertson Panel features the name of the geophysicist Lloyd Berkner,[92] a fierce debunker of the extraterrestrial hypothesis that was also listed as MJ-12 member![93]

As for the director of that panel, Dr. HP Robertson, he had worked alongside Admiral Sidney Souers (another known MJ-12 member) in 1946 as Coordinator of Scientific Intelligence for the Office of Scientific Research and Development (OSRD). The OSRD as it will be remembered was a classified military scientific R&D organization headed by Dr. Vannevar Bush, also MJ-12 member. Subsequently, Robertson became scientific consultant for the Central Intelligence Group (CIG), directed by none other than Lieutenant General Hoyt Vandenberg, also MJ-12. Following the passage of the National Security Act in 1947, Robertson continued to play an important role in scientific intelligence matters within the CIA until 1952 when his was named Director of the Scientific Advisory Panel on UFOs.[94]

Dr. Robertson therefore had close ties with at least four MJ-12 members, which two of them had been directors of the Central Intelligence. From an official point of view, although the very existence of this committee was classified within the closed doors of the Department of Defense, it was supposed to determine whether the UFO phenomenon was a threat to National Security or not. The Robertson Panel had to give the impression of being impartial and its members were warned to avoid disclosing any connection with the CIA or MJ-12. The final goal was to put forward some recommendations on the UFO phenomenon that would influence future decision-maker authorities within the U.S. government apparatus. This was therefore a psychological operation conducted by the Psychological Strategy Board against the next U.S. government administration! According to the historian and ufologist Richard Dolan, the purpose of the establishment of the Robertson Panel had to do with the upcoming change of the U.S.

government administration. President Truman would have used the conclusions of this panel to do a "spring cleaning" before the arrival of the next administration.[95] Truman, who had been president since the end of World War II, began gradually to control the UFO problem in conjunction with MJ-12, but the U.S. presidency has an end and in 1952 Truman's second term was ending. This meant that a new administration would replace the previous one and many of the classified projects and secret government entities could be disclosed.

This also meant that all efforts to keep the lid on classified reverse engineered alien technology development projects would be at risk. To avoid this unfortunate situation, it was imperative to take action to prevent these projects from ending up in the public domain. Billions of dollars were at stake in the form of private corporation investment tied up in the sector of classified military technology research projects. One of the first steps before the transfer of administration was to establish private organizations where to move all highly sensitive research projects.[96]

"*Seen in this perspective, the panel's significance is not that it merely served to "debunk" UFOs - something all researchers have acknowledged. Rather, it was a final insurance policy to steer the UFO issue away from the wrong people, to keep it from being investigated by too many individuals and departments in the Eisenhower presidency. The Robertson Panel was the Truman administration's final bit of housecleaning*."[97]

As for the second step, it was to reduce the public interest in the UFO phenomenon by monitoring and discrediting civilian UFO groups that were beginning to emerge all over the United States. Public figures making too much hype about UFOs would also be silenced by different means of pressure suggested by the panel. Later, Donald Keyhoe learned that the purpose of the Robertson Panel and its recommendations was to discredit and debunk the UFO issue in order to give the CIA a free hand in the matter; the agency would then be able to act from a deeper level of secrecy. This meant that the Robertson Panel's final goal was to remove all investigative power from other government agencies in order to let MJ-12 continue controlling the UFO

matter clandestinely behind the CIA; because by definition all the CIA directors were also MJ-12 members.[98] So it was not a coincidence if the Robertson Panel gave its final recommendations on January 18, 1953, two days before the new President Dwight Eisenhower sworn oath, and that only after four days of consultation.[99] The Robertson Panel had been formed in January 1953 by H. Marshall Chadwell, Director of CIA's Scientific Intelligence and Dr. H.P. Robertson, a physicist emeritus of the California Institute of Technology, whose links with the CIA date back to as early as 1946.[100]

Besides Dr. Robertson, who at the time was Director of the Weapons System Evaluation Group in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the other four members were all scientists who had worked on sensitive U.S. government projects.[101] Those were: Samuel A. Goudsmit, a nuclear physicist from Brookhaven National Laboratory; Luis Alvarez, a high-energy physicist; Thornton Page, the Deputy Director of the Office of Operations Research at Johns Hopkins and expert on radar and electronics; and Lloyd Berkner, a geophysicist heading the Brookhaven National Laboratory and known MJ-12 member.[102] In some ways, they were therefore already involved in the cover-up because of the technological potential that research on UFOs could bring. Their job now was to ensure that individuals and organizations having "no need to know" would let the UFOs issue go away and that measures would be put in place to prevent anyone asking questions about it. They wanted to close the lid tight on UFOs before the change of administration...

The panel members have met for four days, from January 14 to January 17, during which, members of the CIA, the ATIC and the Scientific Intelligence Committee were called to testify. The first day, the panel saw the Tremonton and Montana films after which some Navy specialists gave their conclusions. Captain Ruppelt as Project Blue Book Director gave a forty-minute presentation in which he explained ATIC's methodology on UFO reports procedures. The second day, Captain Ruppelt finished his presentation and Dr. J. Allen Hynek as a scientific consultant discussed project STORK, the ongoing Battelle Memorial Institute UFO study.[103] On the third day, Major Dewey Fournet, the one who dismissed the temperature inversion theory during the Washington, D.C. UFO incident, expressed his own conclusions about the UFO

situation to the Robertson Panel, which were that the best explanation of the phenomenon was the extraterrestrial hypothesis. At the end of the day, the panel met to discuss the findings and a preliminary report was completed.[104] The fourth and final day, a pre-approved report by Robertson and Berkner was presented to CIA Director Walter B. Smith and Major General John Samford, Director of Air Force Intelligence. The two men agreed the overall content with no modification.[105]

The Durant Report of the Robertson Panel Proceedings

The report name comes from Frederick C. Durant, a CIA consultant for aerospace matter that had been appointed Secretary of the Robertson Panel. His background in engineering and his involvement in the Second World War and the Korean War as a test pilot led him to obtain a high security clearance within the U.S. government. After the war, he worked for various private aerospace corporations and the CIA recruited him for his expertise in this domain. Throughout his active career, he was involved in several major projects related to aerospace like NASA's Orbiter and Explorer projects.[106]

The choice of Durant as Robertson Panel's Secretary was not accidental, because he was very familiar with the inner world of classified military projects as well as the challenge of the space race that was underway between United States and USSR. Durant also understood the importance of secrecy about the latest aerospace developments. Throughout the fifties, his involvement in important private industries related to aerospace suggests that these corporations could have been the final destination to some of the knowledge gained from military classified projects. Many allusions of public resources transfer to private corporations are visible in some documents related to alien technology.

The final goal was a better control over highly sensitive projects and a place to hide from curious Congress members. Everything suggest that the conclusions and recommendations of the Robertson Panel were decided in advance and that one of his goals was nothing less than to give the CIA full control over classified aerospace technology with

military applications. This is certainly what transpires between the lines of the Durant Report. This report untitled: REPORT OF SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY PANEL ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS CONVENED BY OFFICE OF SCIENTIFIC INTELLIGENCE, CIA, JANUARY 14 - 18, 1953, contained 24 pages and three appendices.[107] The four-day meeting's activities were described briefly in the Durant Report and every intervention was commented. One can read in this report that the concern of USAF officials about UFOs, which forced them to set up a study project, came from public pressure whose judgment was affected by popular science fiction magazines.

The poor-quality sighting reports that flooded communication lines contained no useful data and represented a potential threat to the proper functioning of military agencies. Military defense systems could have been affected in the event of a real enemy attack. It was therefore recommended that a comprehensive "Educational Program", including the participation of all relevant agencies would be put in place as soon as possible. Among other things, one objective of this educational program was to discredit the UFO phenomenon in order to minimize the public's interest towards it. The educational program would have to be accomplished by:

"...*mass media such as television, motion pictures, and popular articles. Basis of such education would be actual case histories which had been puzzling at first but later explained. As in the case of conjuring tricks, there is much less stimulation if the "secret" is known*."[108]

This anti-saucerian propaganda would have as main consultants:

"...*psychologists familiar with mass psychology should advise on the nature and extent of the program*."

The names of some "luminaries" of mass manipulation areas were suggested as well as those of potential film producers; Walt Disney was listed among them. The proposed reorganization of Project Blue Book by Captain Ruppelt was very well received because it facilitated the development of the proposed educational program. And in the case,

there would remain a percentage of "unconventional" sighting reports these would be directed to the Scientific USAF Advisory Board.[109]

It is interesting to note that the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) is cited repeatedly in top-secret MJ-12 reports. The name of its director was then Dr. Theodore von Karman. Von Karman was a top scientist whose field of expertise was aeronautics and astronautics. In one section of the *MJ-12 Fifth Annual Report* we can read: [110]

MAJCOM-4 had a prepared speech read at a meeting of scientific advisors on 7 April 1949, highlighting new Air Force R&D organization and structures on UFO research for ULATT. Karman enlisted the aid of a Panel member to persuade MAJCOM-4 to endorse a seperate establishment free from AMC and Pentagon control.

This "*separate establishment free from AMC and the Pentagon control*" connected with ULATT development program was nothing less than the private sector. The switch of highly classified projects from the U.S. government to private industries would greatly facilitate compartmentalization and prevent any unwanted intrusion by Congress representatives and by extension, the general public. The Durant Report also states that:

"*The Panel took cognizance of the existence of such groups as the "Civilian Flying Saucer Investigators" (Los Angeles) and the "Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (Wisconsin). It was believed that such organizations should be watched because of their potentially great influence on mass thinking if widespread sightings should occur. The apparent irresponsibility and the possible use of such groups for subversive purposes should be kept in mind*."[111]

The idea behind this was to give the CIA a form of legal authority to monitor and infiltrate any significant civilian UFO associations. These infiltrators would thus obtain firsthand data on potential UFO observers who do not trust the Air Force or the Government, filter the information and avoid any leaks of importance to the public. It is therefore not surprising to see some CIA members taking part in the largest UFO associations in the country. Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter (NICAP) [112]

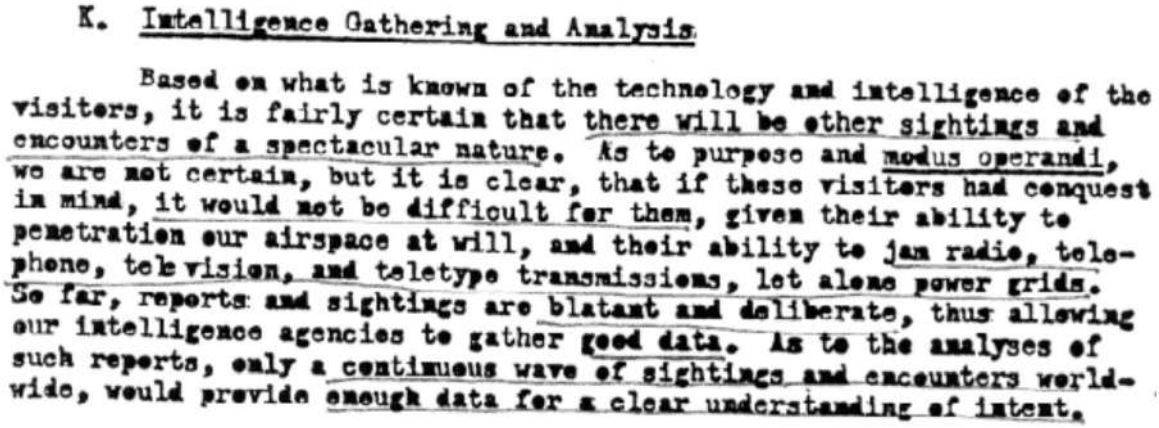
and Dr. J. Allen Hynek (CUFOS) [113] are two good examples of this situation. Many of these civilian UFO groups still exist today and the information they share with their members is always tinged with a "securing" scepticism. Although some of these associations have existed for decades, the study of the phenomenon has not revealed what really UFOs were! The extraterrestrial hypothesis is therefore not part of the logical explanations because:

"*...we do not know for certain that UFOs are spacecraft, we cannot be sure aliens are visiting the earth from other planets*."[114]

For the members of these associations seeking answers, it would be really frowned on to get outside of these limiting parameters...[115] Among other reasons for the importance of monitoring these civilian UFO groups included the possibility that:

"*...the number of sightings could be reasonably expected to increase again this summer*..."

This surprising statement comes from the analysis of certain data related to the study of the UFO's history the Durant Report said. It is possible that this prediction comes from an analysis of the MJ-12 as we can see in the following excerpt:[116]



K. Intelligence Gathering and Analysis

Based on what is known of the technology and intelligence of the visitors, it is fairly certain that there will be other sightings and encounters of a spectacular nature. As to purpose and modus operandi, we are not certain, but it is clear, that if these visitors had conquest in mind, it would not be difficult for them, given their ability to penetration our airspace at will, and their ability to jam radio, telephone, television, and teletype transmissions, let alone power grids. So far, reports and sightings are blatant and deliberate, thus allowing our intelligence agencies to gather good data. As to the analyses of such reports, only a continuous wave of sightings and encounters worldwide, would provide enough data for a clear understanding of intent.

In other words, the idea of this large-scale monitoring was to determine if these aliens who were visiting Earth were planning an invasion. In this regard, one of the MJ-12 Annual Reports said that Canada, England and the Soviet Union had been informed of the possibility of an alien invasion. If that was the case, these countries

would have formed a military alliance to counter this alien threat. This "controlled" disclosure was therefore a kind of insurance policy in case these aliens would have shown hostile intentions towards United States or other countries. Of course, this whole interplanetary crisis was concealed from public.[117] But after a deep study of the data coming from this large-scale monitoring program, it seems that some of these visitors had no hostile intentions. Their visits were related to their concern about the use and proliferation of nuclear weapons on our planet and our next technological step that would bring earthlings to the stars.[118]

The Panel Conclusions

The final conclusions of the Robertson Panel, whose meetings were used to determine if UFOs were a threat to national security, were as follows:

"2*. As a result of its considerations, the Panel concludes:*

a. *That the evidence presented on Unidentified Flying Objects shows no indication that these phenomena constitute a direct physical threat to national security.*

We firmly believe that there is no residuum of cases which indicates Phenomena which are attributable to foreign artifacts capable of hostile acts, and that there is no evidence that the phenomena indicates a need for the revision of current scientific concepts.

3. The Panel further concludes:

a. That the continued emphasis on the reporting of these phenomena does, in these parlous times, result in a threat to the orderly functioning of the protective organs of the body politic."

It was therefore recommended by the panel members:

"*a. That the national security agencies take immediate steps to strip the Unidentified Flying Objects of the special status they have been given and the aura of mystery they have unfortunately acquired.*

b. That the national security agencies institute policies on intelligence, training, and public education designed to prepare the material defenses and the morale of the country to recognize most promptly and to react most effectively to true indications of hostile intent or action.

We suggest that these aims may be achieved by an integrated program designed to reassure the public of the total lack of evidence of inimical forces behind the phenomenon, to train personnel to recognize and reject false indications quickly and effectively, and to strengthen regular channels for the evaluation of and prompt reaction to true indications of hostile measures."[119]

A copy of the entire report and its recommendations was given to the Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC), the Secretary of Defense, the Director of the Federal Civil Defense Administration (FCDA) and the Director of the National Security Resources Board (NSRB).[120] Each of these organizations have understood, after having read the report that this was now the official policy adopted towards the UFO phenomenon. Although most of the panel's analysis contained many flaws, particularly with regard to the fact that many of the good reports were excluded from the study, its findings and recommendations were received as gospel by government's leaders. The Durant Report and recommendations of the "impartial" expert panel had a considerable influence on leaders' future decisions regarding the UFO phenomenon from a public relations point of view. In the following years, each of the country's major organizations that were involved with the UFO issue has thus been granted sufficient resources to carry out the educational program proposed by the Robertson Panel.

While the population would be "educated" properly and the civilian UFO associations will be kept out of the loop, the silence keepers would be able to continue their secret investigation on the alien presence while developing their secret space program. As for the Pentagon and the intelligence community, they will be ordered to maintain secrecy on all UFO sightings that may hold sensitive information. In the case these observations would have received too much publicity, intelligence officials would have to present a natural explanation as soon as possible,

lower the public interest towards the incident and ridicule the witnesses when needed.[121] After the release of the Durant Report, the Central Intelligence Agency asked that no information related to the true situation regarding the extraterrestrial presence be disclosed to any other government agency. The CIA also requested to classify the Robertson Panel's report and also that its participation within the committee and during the meetings be kept secret.[122]

The Colorado Project

After more than twelve years debunking UFOs for the CIA, the Air Force wanted a way out of this quagmire. This policy of denial and disinformation that was now part of Blue Book inner circle's directives began to seriously damage the Air Force reputation. In October 1966, on the recommendations of the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, it was announced publicly that a contract had been given to the University of Colorado to conduct a scientific study on UFOs.[123] This was the second time that the Air Force commissioned a study in a knowledge institution. The first one was requested in 1953 by Blue Book Director Captain Edward Ruppelt. Ruppelt asked the Battelle Memorial Institute, a science and technology private institution, to establish of a standardized questionnaire for UFO sightings. The data thus collected would then be incorporated within a computer-based statistical analysis system. The institution undertook an extensive statistical study of the reports that had been sent by ATIC. After analyzing nearly 4,000 UFO sightings cases, which were collected from June 1947 to December 1952, the study showed that about 21.5% felt into the unknown category.[124] The overall study was completed in 1954 and published by the Air Force in 1955 as Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14. The Air Force was eager to publicize the findings of this "objective" statistical study because it reflected exactly those the Pentagon wanted to hear. They were:

"...*on the basis of this evaluation of the information, it is considered to be highly improbable that any of the reports of unidentified aerial objects examined in this study represent observations of technological developments outside the range of present-day scientific knowledge*."[125]

This study and its negative conclusions had served their cause that was to debunk the UFO issue, and now what the Air Force wanted was a final report whose findings would allow them to close their project permanently. In fact, Project Blue Book did not offer anything more than an unwanted publicity linking the Air Force to the UFO phenomenon. The CIA and other government agencies had then enough resources to inquire themselves about the UFO problem, so it was decided to find a way to cease this project alongside with this journalistic Pandora's Box.

The idea of an "independent" UFO study was thus proposed to the University of Colorado and Professor Edward U. Condon agreed to lead it. Robert Low, a senior administrator of the university was immediately appointed as coordinator of the study project. It is by Robert Low's involvement in this project that we can see a clear link with the CIA. Low had worked at the agency about twenty years before that as an overseas intelligence officer. Low would be one of the power brokers that would steer the orientation of this university project and like he wrote the trick would be to:

"*...describe the project so that, to the public, it would appear a totally objective study, but to the scientific community would present the image of a group of nonbelievers trying their best to be objective but having an almost zero expectation of finding a saucer*..."[126]

So, again, "the trick" was to use data and statistics in order to give the impression that the scientists were studying the UFO issue in good faith, but the overall evidence would not be enough to prove that extraterrestrials were visiting us. The study lasted nearly two years and was submitted to the Air Force in 1968 with the title: *Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects Conducted by the University of Colorado under contract No. 44620-67-C-0035 with the United States Air Force, Dr. Edward U. Condon, Scientific Director, 1968.* In short it was called the Condon Report.[127]

The Condon Report

We can say about this controversial report that its content suffers from a great dichotomy because the very foundations on which is based

are confused and contradictory. At the beginning of the analysis, a special emphasis is put on the definition of the term "UFO" which in this report is not identified as an object, but rather as a stimulus. The term stimulus is itself suggestive enough to understand that if UFOs are stimuli, it is then quite possible that the associated phenomena are of mental origin. As for the terms of “unidentified” the report said that it is of crucial importance because:

“*The stimulus gives rise to a UFO report precisely because the observer could not identify the thing seen*.”

Thus, the report says, the planet Venus is a UFO to an observer with poor astronomical knowledge, which is true in a sense. By cons, this means that the entire study was made with the insidious suggestion that UFOs were not real objects, but rather "phenomena" and that any notion of aircraft of any kind was thereby dismissed as working hypothesis. The word "UFO" in the definition of the Colorado Project and its report placed therefore a significant bias that impacted on the overall analysis of data coming from sighting reports from which the group had worked to assess the entire matter.

The term "UFO" created by Edward J. Ruppelt fifteen years earlier was then used at its full potential of confusion and misinterpretation of the phenomenon when it comes identifying a solid object seen up close by a credible observer. The Condon Report was structured in a way that, it did not allow separating credible witnesses who saw a solid object with a defined form that passed a few hundred feet away from a poor-quality sighting where a fuzzy object would have been seen from far away. The report had put all these different types of sightings in the same boat and when categorization was done, they served only to discredit even more the extraterrestrial hypothesis with pejorative explanations. The report did not give importance to the real identification of the unknown even though it was in the latter that lied the key to the UFO enigma.[128] However, this way of doing things was not very surprising when one knows that Edward Condon, the project director, was an avowed anti-saucerian and he had not deigned to consider a single observation report before issuing its conclusions.[129] This did not prevent him from issuing numerous arguments refuting the extraterrestrial thesis by saying that it

was of interest but only to the social and cognitive sciences. The heart of the study was used in turn to determine whether the UFO sighting reports could be used for any science improvement, but according to Condon:

"...*nothing has come from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years that has added to scientific knowledge*."[130]

Obviously, Professor Condon had forgotten to mention that if science had made a quantum leap in that last two decades it was precisely because of the study of extraterrestrial technologies and artifacts! He had forgotten to mention also that the premature use of atomic energy also came from the study of these technologies.

As for sighting reports per say, they were helpful from a military intelligence point of view as for understanding the way these spacecrafts worked. But because at the time all this information was highly classified, Condon's argument was valid until the public was unaware of what was really going on behind the scenes. And it is precisely for this reason that such "independent" scientific study project as the Colorado Project was needed. They just wanted to hide this technological potential within more compartmentalized and classified projects. So, it was primarily to "demonstrate" to the public that UFOs were of no scientific interest, but the reality was quite the opposite... For that matter, Professor Condon showed an "open mind" by suggesting that agencies such as the Department of Defense and NASA had every reason to study UFOs, because:

"*In an era of major developments of air travel, of space exploration and of military aerospace activities, everything possible should be done to improve our basic understanding of all atmospheric phenomena*..."[131]

In other words, according to him, that meant that UFOs were certainly atmospheric phenomena, and it would be normal for the Department of Defense and NASA to continue to study them in this way. Now, concerning the extraterrestrial hypothesis, which did not have much attention during the Colorado project, because according to Condon, the people who believed in the possibility that UFOs were spaceships

belonging to distant intergalactic civilizations were in the domain of psychiatric problems? As the project focused on the physical aspect of the phenomenon and that psychiatry was not its area of expertise, so it was not possible to develop on the matter... According to this view, Condon suggested that the U.S. government should not take any sighting reports from the public into consideration if its goal was the advancement of science.[132] By cons, as an "open mind" scientist Condon added that:

"*We believe that the rigorous study of beliefs -- unsupported by valid evidence – held by individuals and even by some groups might prove of scientific value to the social and behavioral sciences. – Reports of UFOs offer interesting challenges to the students of cognitive processes as they are affected by individual and social variables*."[133]

In other words, the scientific study of the extraterrestrial hypothesis could only be from a psychopathological point of view! This also meant that when an individual or group of individuals suggested that UFOs could be aircraft from another planet one must necessarily regard them as weak-minded persons who were possibly suffering from unknown form of social psychosis. By these claims, Condon therefore applied to the letter the recommendations of the Robertson Panel which consist of discrediting civilian UFO associations and their sponsors. This presumptuous attitude towards the "believers" and the UFO sighting witnesses will have the effect of creating a negative form of prejudice from the scientific community over the extraterrestrial hypothesis for the coming decades. With regard to the national security threat issue, the study supported the recent findings of the Air Force in the sense that the information coming from UFO sighting reports showed no obvious risk and that:

"...*the defense function could be performed within the framework established for intelligence and surveillance operations without the continuance of a special unit such as project Blue Book*..."[134]

The table was set to end the Air Force's UFO project... And when we look at the following excerpt coming from the Bolender Memo it is easy to understand why Condon's team arrived at such conclusions:

"*Moreover, reports of unidentified flying objects which could affect national security are made in accordance with JANAP 146 or Air Force Manual 55-11, and are not part of the Blue Book system (Atch 10).*"[135]

So, there was no need continuing Project Blue Book, because all sensitive sighting reports coming from the army and airline pilots were already directed to other secret projects that have the great advantage of being cloaked. As for the civilians who had the chance to see up close unknown aircraft, the CIA would take care of them. This agency would soon excel in the area of censorship and disinformation towards the general public. The Condon Report for its part did not neglect any aspect that may assist the functioning of the population's educational program proposed a few years earlier by the Robertson Panel.

The anti-saucerian propaganda would have to be made from youth and to do so the members of the Colorado Project's members strongly suggested that:

"...*teachers refrain from giving students credit for school work based on their reading of the presently available UFO books and magazine articles. Teachers who find their students strongly motivated in this direction should attempt to channel their interests in the direction of serious study of astronomy and meteorology*..."[136]

These recommendations must surely have been integrated in the teaching body of all North American schools as the UFO issue is rarely discussed in these institutions. In a completely different vein, it was also recommended that more resources be allocated to Blue Book Project to treat the unknown. It may seem contradictory at first glance to see these recommendations as the Air Force study project on UFOs be consolidated in order to shed light on the percentage of the remaining unknown; when one becomes aware of the result, it is understood that this recommendation is intended only to reinforce the idea that UFOs are either mental or weather phenomenon, because it was suggested that contracts be negotiated with universities to provide specialists in psychology and atmospheric physics.[137] The Condon Report concludes by listing a few UFO study projects made by other countries. Canadian projects Second Storey and Magnet were briefly approached in this

section. The report said that Second Storey was established in 1952 by the Department of Defense of Canada, but it had closed the following year because the study had shown that the situation did not require the existence of such a project. Regarding Project Magnet established in 1950 by the engineer Wilbert Smith, the Condon Report said:

"*The report issued by Mr. Smith did not represent the official opinion of the Department of Transport or the Second Storey Committee, and in this respect is not a part of the official study of UFOs in Canada*."[138]

Thus, Condon brushed aside four years of thorough scientific research without even deigning to look at the contents of the Wilbert Smith study and its conclusions. The reason being that these were going in the opposite direction of the Condon report, namely:

"*We have been actively engaged in the study of UFOs for about twelve years, and scientific oddities much earlier than this. We came to the conclusion about ten years ago that the UFOs were real, of extraterrestrial origin, built and operated by people very much like us, and whom we are descendents*."[139]

So, it was easier for Condon to find a way to avoid discussing this Canadian UFO project and its pro-extraterrestrial conclusions rather than to find arguments to counter them. This was something that would probably have been quite difficult as a brief study of the Magnet Project's documentation suffices to realize that it was based on solid evidence backed by hard sciences. In this regard, we will find an effective work methodology within Wilbert Smith's project documents, where all aspects and research hypotheses were discussed in depth. Could a part of the truth about UFOs be in the Project Magnet's archives? Some like me who have studied them would think so. But as it is impossible to review the whole issue of the Canadian UFO project in a few lines this will be part of a forthcoming book...

Air Force to Terminate Project ‘’Blue Book’’

On December 17, 1969, based on the recommendations of the Condon Report, the Secretary of the Air Force Robert C. Seamans Jr. officially announced the permanent closure of Project Blue Book. In his declarations, the Secretary said that the UFO phenomenon investigation conducted by the Air Force since 1948 was over for the following reasons (figure 33, 34):

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AIR FORCE TO TERMINATE
PROJECT "BLUE BOOK"

Secretary of the Air Force Robert C. Seamans, Jr., announced today the termination of Project Blue Book, the Air Force program for the investigation of unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

In a memorandum to Air Force Chief of Staff General John D. Ryan, Secretary Seamans stated that "the continuation of Project Blue Book cannot be justified either on the ground of national security or in the interest of science," and concluded that the project does not merit future expenditures of resources.

The decision to discontinue UFO investigations was based on:

- An evaluation of a report prepared by the University of Colorado entitled, "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects."

- A review of the University of Colorado's report by the National Academy of Sciences.

- Past UFO studies.

- Air Force experience investigating UFO reports during the past two decades.

Under the direction of Dr. Edward U. Condon, the University of Colorado completed an 18-month contracted study of UFOs and its report was released to the public in January, 1969. The report concluded that little if anything has come from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years that has added to scientific knowledge, and that further extensive study of UFO sightings is not justified in the expectation that science will be advanced.

The University of Colorado report also states that, "It seems that only so much attention to the subject (UFOs) should be give as the Department of Defense deems to be necessary strictly from a defense point of view....It is our impression that the defense function could be performed within the framework established for intelligence and surveillance operations without the continuance of a special unit such as Project Blue Book, but this is a question for defense specialists rather than research scientists."

A panel of the National Academy of Sciences made an independent assessment of the scope, methodology, and findings of the University of

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Figure 33. Air Force to Terminate Project "Blue Book" memo, December 17, 1969, page 1.[140]

Colorado study. The panel concurred in the University of Colorado's recommendation that "no high priority in UFO investigations is warranted by data of the past two decades." It concluded by stating that, "On the basis of present knowledge, the least likely explanation of UFOs is the hypothesis of extraterrestrial visitations by intelligent beings."

Past UFO studies include one conducted by a Scientific Advisory Panel of UFOs in January, 1953 (Robertson Panel); and, a review of Project Blue Book by the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board Ad Hoc Committee, February-March, 1966 (Dr. Brian O'Brien, Chairman). These studies concluded that no evidence has been found that any of the UFO reports reflect a threat to our national security.

As a result of investigating UFO reports since 1948, the conclusions of Project Blue Book are: (1) no UFO reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of threat to our national security; (2) there has been no evidence submitted or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as "unidentified" represent technological developments or principles beyond the range of present-day scientific knowledge; and (3) there has been no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as "unidentified" are extraterrestrial vehicles.

Project Blue Book records will be retired to the USAF Archives, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. Requests for information will continue to be handled by the Secretary of the Air Force, Office of Information (SAFOI), Washington, D.C. 20330.

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Figure 34. Air Force to Terminate Project “Blue Book” memo, December 17, 1969, page 2.[141]

The conclusions of Blue Book’s final report were thus closely similar to Grudge because they completely rejected the extraterrestrial hypothesis while continuing to claim that the "phenomenon" was not a threat to national security... The Colorado Project psychopathological thesis to explain some UFO sightings had meanwhile gained enough ground to reduce their number to an “acceptable” percentage.

From the point of view of “science”, conclusions and recommendations of the Condon Report were expressed in a way that the Air Force could now withdraw from the UFO scene with a sense of accomplishment. This duty that had been imposed to Air Force’s officials by CIA and MJ-12 had placed them in an uncomfortable position for over twenty years. Twenty years during which projects Sign, Grudge and Blue Book has served to divert attention from the media and the population towards dead-end leads. These twenty years would have served the

insidious introduction of a structure that would hold the lid tight on UFOs and extraterrestrial reality. This structure is more present than ever today and is subtly integrated within the largest organizations of this world.

CONCLUSION

Our planet is one of countless worlds with intelligent life that might know interplanetary space travel. In 1961, the mathematician Frank Drake had calculated using a series of equations that many thousands of alien civilizations could already have acquired sufficient technological potential to visit us. Among them, some of these visitors would choose to watch us, but others could contact our civilization for different reasons. More recently in 2014, astronomers of the Australian National University said that there were over hundreds of billions of inhabitable planets in our galaxy alone... From that, the next logical step would be for our civilization to prepare for contact; is that contact already happened? Throughout this book, the question of extraterrestrial presence and possible censorship on this subject was addressed cautiously to avoid leaving too much room for speculation. The constant use of documentary archives has been necessary to support all this controversial thesis of an alien presence in human affairs.

If these archives were able to demonstrate the involvement of the Truman administration in a global cover-up of this alien presence they have not offered, however, very little information about possible contact with these civilizations from outer space. This does not mean that such contacts have not taken place but that these encounters if they happened were part of an even bigger secret. Many testimonies exist about these encounters, but the “evidence” to support them is weak and almost nonexistent in U.S. government archives. By cons, there is in the Project Magnet’s documents, the secret Canadian government study on UFOs, multiple allusions of the contacts which took place in the early fifties. Most of the “contactees” claimed that some of these visitors are peaceful, look like us, do not know war or famine and their technologies are based on physical principles still unknown to our modern science. These beings have always been present throughout the history of our civilization and sometimes more than others, they attempted to get closer to our species. In terms of UFO "waves" of the fifties and sixties, this would coincide with the beginning of a nuclear power era as a weapon of mass destruction and of rapid developments in military aerospace technology.

As for the possibility of contact with leaders of this planet, several witnesses say that in the beginning of his term, President Dwight Eisenhower has met a delegation of visitors who have offered to help in exchange for a complete disarmament of the global nuclear arsenal. The assistance offered by these aliens consisted of a global transformation of political, economic and scientific structure to accommodate a more harmonious way of life that respects the natural order. The context of the time did that not only help was refused, but the visitors were identified as a potential threat to national security. Since the MJ-12 group, which had attended the meeting, was responsible for the extraterrestrial matters, it concluded afterwards that total disarmament was undesirable because it would put our civilization in extremely vulnerable position. The visitors then understood that the best way to prove their peaceful intentions was to meet directly with the public and explain the benefits of a peaceful civilization. Numerous contacts took place worldwide between these beings from elsewhere and individuals from the street. These encounters consisted of verbal or telepathic exchanges during which the aliens explained their philosophy, their science and the plurality of inhabited worlds and harmony that reigned within.

The visitors wanted our planet and its inhabitants to go to the next step of evolution which was as a development partner into a galactic community. By cons, from the point of view of the authorities in place, including that of the military-industrial complex, this “new life” represented the complete loss of power they had acquired through wars and new technologies that now ensured their world supremacy. These sophisticated technologies, many of which came precisely from the recovered alien craft, had not then delivered their full potential yet. The challenge was now to conquer space while ensuring that nothing and nobody comes to interfere in this secret enterprise. To do this, it was decided first to get rid of these “undesirable” visitors that threatened the established order by attempting to influence the population by their promise of a better life. Because the military-industrial complex and MJ-12 were two interdependent entities and fully integrated into the decision-making structure of the U.S. administration, they took advantage of their influence to prevent any alliance with these aliens. The influence of these power brokers gradually came into control which was revealed by President Eisenhower in his farewell address to the nation.

The McCarthyism struck the United States as a scourge whose foundations set on the basis of psychological operations. The real purpose of these psychological operations was to identify people who had contacted these peaceful aliens to prevent them from talking about their encounter by threatening and discrediting them. Fear of Communism was the perfect excuse to cover the real operation of intimidation and disinformation orchestrated by MJ-12 with the help of FBI and CIA agents.

Many documents of these agencies exist, which are dated from the fifties and sixties, during the same time as the flying saucers waves, where one can see that, individuals claiming to have been contacted by aliens were put under close surveillance. John F. Kennedy, the next U.S. President after Eisenhower, was killed after trying to thwart the plans of these secret keepers by developing a civilian space program whose purpose was to open the doors of inhabited worlds to humanity. Here again, documents exist where we can see President Kennedy attempting to shed light on the situation of a peaceful alien presence. His assassination heralded the advent of a dark period. The influence of MJ-12 in extraterrestrial matter is probably more visible during Ronald Reagan’s presidency in the 80s. The new president elected Ronald Reagan had the task of setting up the Strategic Defense Initiative program. This militarization of space was one of the last steps of the MJ-12 for an almost absolute control of space around the Earth, thus preventing any "intrusion" from undesirable alien nations. Again, fear of Communism was the official version to obtain necessary resources to accomplish their plan.

But behind this incredible story, perhaps indeed the leaders of the time had to face a hostile alien nation? There are some hints in these declassified documents to the effect of many unexplained mass disappearances which it seems that the circumstances directed towards extraterrestrial thesis. What can we say about abduction by short gray aliens during which complete medical examinations were imposed to abductees? What should we think of these deep underground military bases rumors where human are supposedly used as genetic research lab rats? Because we live in a world where multiple potentialities exist, this extraterrestrial reality therefore has many faces.

Although it is sometimes easy to judge the actions of these people who sought at all costs to maintain secrecy about UFOs and the extraterrestrial reality, we must not forget the circumstances that led them to hide the truth. In terms of that other truth which consisted of a benevolent alien presence holder of advanced technologies, it probably could not be disclosed yet because it would have jeopardized each of the structures of many institutions of this world. Whether it was science, economics, health or religion, it seems that each of these human institutions would not have survived the influence of certain lifestyle of these alien civilizations. The use of technology running on free and almost unlimited energy principles requires great maturity in civilizations that use it, as its power of creation is equal to its power of destruction. The accession to other levels of existence, such as intergalactic reality surely demands a great maturity, and this both individually and collectively. While most of us are busy bickering over useless things while some of our own kinds are dying of hunger, other species may be waiting impatiently that we finally wake up. And after we as a civilization decides to raise our consciousness and fix all our problems together could we enter a complete new interplanetary world.

EPILOGUE
ABOUT THE MAJESTIC DOCUMENTS

As in many other specific field of UFO research there is a lot of confusion in this discipline that is document-related ufology. Many ufologists reject out of hand the information from many interesting documents simply because some "authorities" have declared that they were fakes. Among these, the Eisenhower Briefing Document, a document classified top-secret and dated November 18, 1952, whose purpose was to inform the newly elected U.S. President, Dwight D. Eisenhower, about the latest developments in UFO matter. Because I have personally studied this document extensively, I am convinced of its authenticity. The reasons to believe in the veracity of this document (like most of the MJ-12 and Majestic-12 documents) come from the exhaustive study I did on them. By exhaustive study I mean reading and re-reading these documents by taking great care of looking at all the content and individuals who were involved in their military, political and historical context while taking into account the scientific and technological aspects that were also treated.

So, it is only after having spent many hours comparing names, ranks, positions held and information of any kind that I could get in these documents that I am now inclined to say that most of them are indeed genuine. The fact that I did serve in the Canadian Armed Forces also allows me to appreciate some of the subtleties involved in the military context present in each of these documents. As for my scientific university background, Bachelor of Science (Certificate in Applied Geology, Certificate in Environmental Science, and Certificate in Anthropology) that is very useful to understand and decipher the various concepts and scientific theories covered in these documents of great interest. Fortunately, it seems that other ufologists with scientific background are also of the opinion that the MJ-12 documents are real and that the information that we found in them is of interest. Dr. Robert Wood and his son Ryan Wood are among these credible scientists. They are the ones who built the UFO research website majesticdocuments.com. They worked hard to develop a method of scientific analysis in order to determine the authenticity of documents in

connection with the Operation Majestic-12 based on reliable data. To better understand their view on the subject here is an excerpt of a lecture given by Dr. Robert Wood at a MUFON symposium in 2001:

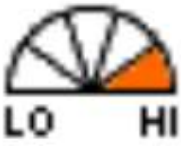
"*Ever since the first "leaked" MJ-12 Eisenhower Briefing Document in 1984 describing a top-secret crash recovery program, the authenticity of UFO documents has been questioned. With the continuing exposure of hundreds of classified pages by numerous unidentified sources, the evidence favoring authenticity is mounting. This paper will update the status of the available documents, generally what they say and provide a concise status of the issues regarding authenticity, including the answers to those with a skeptical view. Of particular significance will be the results of research and forensic studies, including those on 22 pages on original paper, where chromatographic ink dating and other state-of-the-art techniques clearly indicates that the documents were likely to have been created long ago and cannot be modern high-tech fakes.*

The classic comparisons with archival authentic documents show the expected similarities, and the content is shown to be consistent with numerous arcane facts known to only scholars in historiography. Difficulties with identical signatures will be explored, including the astonishing possibility that the sophisticated document cover-up started in the early stages of documentation in the State Department in the 40s. Remarkably, the most likely hypothesis is that we are seeing a leak of copies of genuine documents held in personal files for decades. The conclusion is that we have had a stunningly successful UFO research cover-up for five decades and if these crashes and recoveries occurred, such documents ought to exist."[1]

It is only after having studied these documents that a statistical index of authenticity is assigned. The starting point of the study being specific landmarks included in the documents. These specifics have been categorized (8 in all) and each of them has a rating which is used to calculate the cumulative percentage of authenticity. All the possible information that the study of a document can provide are all examined in great detail. Whether typography, linguistics, forensics, content, dates, anomalies, anachronisms, type of ink and paper used, or eyewitnesses involved, each of these items is scrutinized to establish the level of

authenticity of the MJ-12 documents. By applying this methodology Robert and Ryan Wood had given to Eisenhower Briefing Document the following score:

Eisenhower Briefing Document, 18 November 1952 (516k)
This "NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION" is classified "TOP SECRET". After identifying the 12 Majestic members, it states that the Kenneth Arnold sighting had caused near hysteria; noted that there was a secret recovery operation starting on 07 July, 1947; four dead bodies; wreckage moved to several locations. It showed Harry Truman's top-secret memo as Appendix A on page 008 setting up the program. Stan Friedman is a notable expert on this document. Some statements agree and some do not agree with statements in other documents. This does not necessarily imply fakery, because of heavy compartmentalization of the facts. "Implications for the National Security are of continuing importance in that the motives and ultimate intentions of these visitors remain completely unknown."

High Level of Authenticity - 80-100% 

“This means that virtually all of the available investigation channels and ideas have been pursued and at each test the document has shown to be authentic. For example, tests in paper, ink, obscure content, handwriting, period typography and fonts, correct formatting, forensic linguistics (along with no sign of anachronisms), all indicate the highest level of authenticity. At this level, witnesses are present that have seen or read the document in an "official" capacity and will or have signed an affidavit to that effect.”

If the scientific study of this document as demonstrates by the Wood shows its authenticity, and, for most of the MJ-12 documents available on their website, this means that the FBI, which was one of the first

organizations to declare that these documents were fake, should either be incompetent in the matter or were lying through their teeth. Personally, I would opt for the second option without hesitation. Why? Well, because this has always been the role of intelligence agencies to blur the truth about UFOs. It is therefore not surprising that some people debunking the MJ-12 documents (as well as the UFO phenomenon in general) were on the pay roll of the CIA. The CIA, which was established in 1947 (immediately after the Roswell events) was one of the first official organizations to take care of the UFO cover-up. Today, this psychological warfare could not be more active, and it is also becoming more insidious because it has become difficult to identify precisely which organizations or individuals are really pulling the strings. What we do know, however, is that every U.S. intelligence agency like FBI, CIA, NSA, DIA or the very secretive NRO are all keeping many classified documents related to UFOs and that they refuse to release them even under the Freedom of Information Act.

This apparent lack of cooperation from government intelligence agencies means a lot as to their interest in the matter and their supposedly public “transparency”. It was in the late seventies that the CIA received for the first time this type of request. The Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS) used the new FOIA on CIA asking them to release their UFO files. The CIA answered that the agency had nothing to do with UFOs beside a brief participation in the Robertson Panel in 1953. The CAUS made appealed of the decision and they won. The CIA had to do "further research" within their files. The ufologist and nuclear scientist Stanton Friedman wrote:

“*Finally, the CIA was kind enough to release about 900 pages of documents concerned with UFOs. Strangely, none were classified higher than secret. In addition, they release a list, by dates and title, of more than fifty other UFO-related documents originating from other agencies, which the CIA, by law could not release*.”[2]

The agencies listed were: the NSA, the State Department, the Army, the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)... Finally, all were interested in UFOs, but none of them publicly admitted it. And it is still the case today. So, there are two versions of these government agencies involved in the

UFO cover-up; the official version, which says that the Roswell crash was in fact just a weather balloon (most recently a MOGUL balloon) and that no spaceship or alien bodies were recovered by the U.S. Army. And as to the unofficial version, which we can see traces in many sensitive documents, it says that the alien ships were shot down and recovered in order to replicate their technology and to obtain a strategic military advantage. One of the last publications of Dr. Robert Wood and his son Ryan on this particular topic is very interesting:

"*Recoveries of crashed UFOs permitted us Earthlings to begin the process of "reverse engineering" to figure out how the UFO craft might work. This process may have been started by the Germans in the 1930s, but in the U.S. it surely began with the 1941 Cape Girardeau recovery, followed soon after by the crashes associated with the "Battle of Los Angeles" in February 1942, one of which permitted Navy Intelligence to start getting answers via reverse engineering.*

The crash recovery process became so extensive that a clear need emerged for standardized covert procedures to recover UFO craft and their occupants. In this light, it seems logical that a manual would have been created to describe the overall crash-retrieval process, including the rules and procedures for ensuring absolute secrecy, for use by officers and personnel involved with the recovery of craft and occupants. Such a manual is SOM1-01, Special Operations Manual, "Extraterrestrial Entities and Technology, Recovery and Disposal."[3]

The study of the Special Operations Manual (SOM1-1) by Dr. Wood and his team has determined that it was authentic with a similar rating as to the Eisenhower Briefing Document (between 80 and 100% of authenticity); a view that differs from many ufologists (probably those who did not bother to dig enough in this kind of research) and concerned officials of the U.S. Government. By continuing this extrapolation based on real scientific study, it is understandable to see why the official version is one of denial about the extraterrestrial hypothesis. This version also informs us (or misinform) that no tangible evidence exists about the presence of visitors from outer space.

The official version is based on the “serious” U.S. Air Force UFO studies that took place from 1947 to 1969 during the projects Sign, Grudge and Blue Book as well as “scientific” data coming from the Condon Report that followed the Colorado project in 1969. It is while doing a thorough research of each of these projects that it came clear to me that it was the CIA (with many supporting evidence) that was pulling the strings in order to manipulate the conclusions. They were cheating from the start and so was the MJ-12 Special Study Project Committee.

Beginning in 1947 this entity was playing the role of power brokers using the CIA as a central agency for collecting UFO intelligence and as a powerful cover-up and censorship organization. The sums of these documents are by themselves evidence of the involvement of the U.S. government via the MJ-12 Committee in a worldwide cover-up of clandestine operations related to reverse engineering alien technology for military purpose. A secret space program in sum...

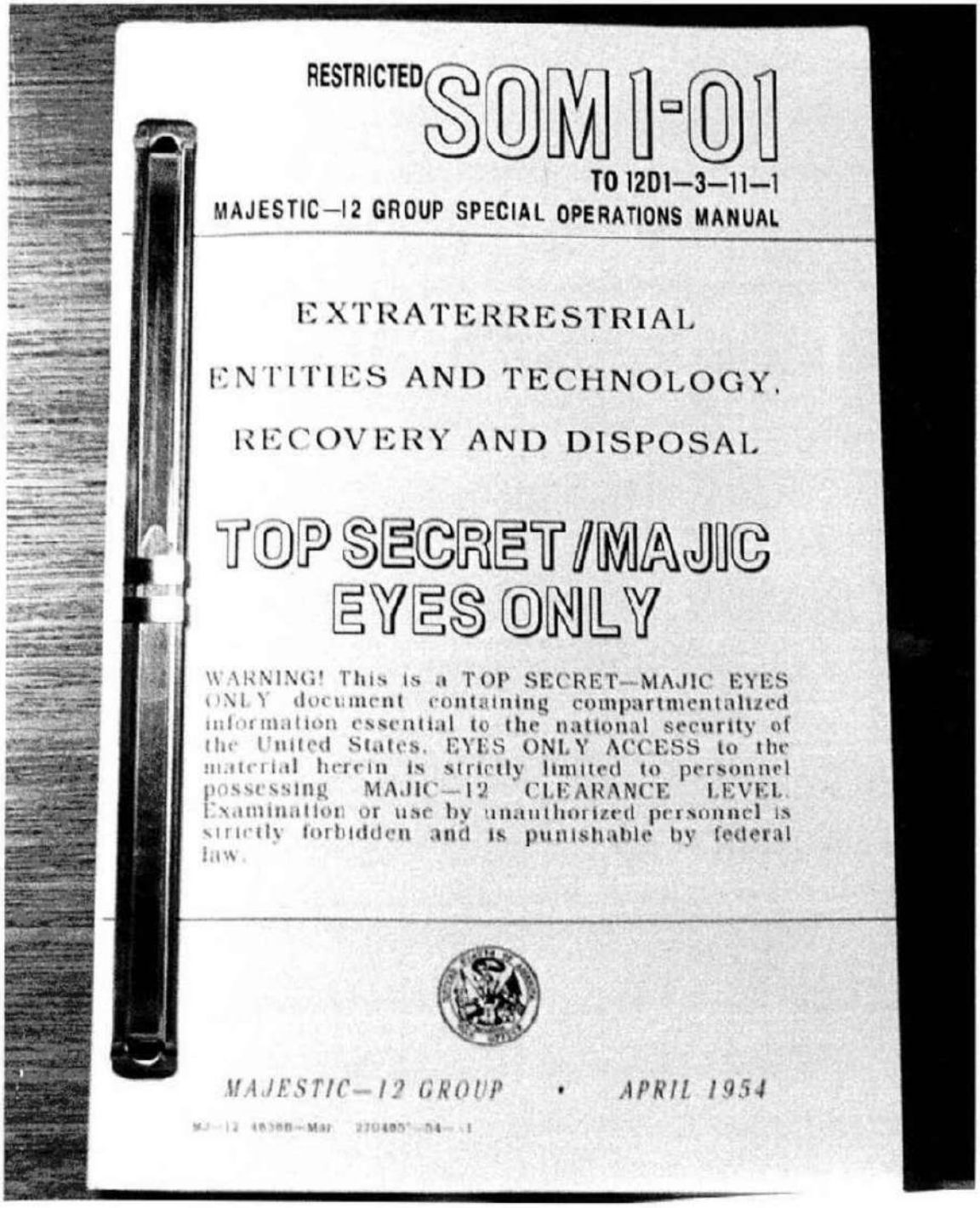

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Figure 35. Front cover of the Special Operations Manual.[4]

APPENDIX I

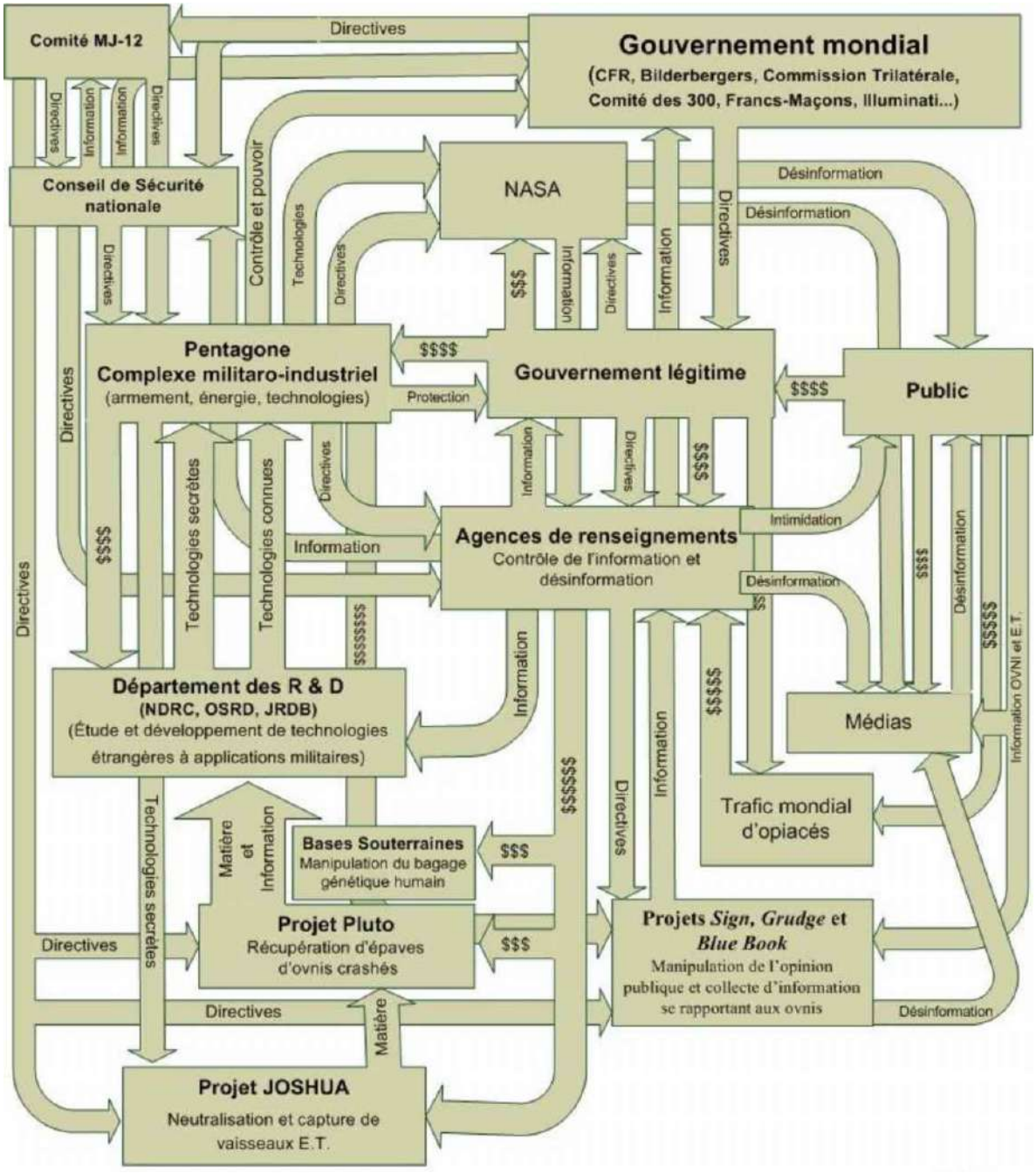
LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AAF: Army Air Force
AEC: Atomic Energy Commission
AFOSI: Air Force Office of Special Investigation
AFSA: Armed Forces Security Agency
AFSAB or SAB: Air Force Scientific Advisory Board
AFSS: Air Force Security Service (1948)
AFSWP: Armed Forces Special Weapon Project
AGARD: Advisory Group for Aerospace Research and Development
AISS: Air Intelligence Service Squadron
AMC: Air Materiel Command
ATIC: Air Technical Intelligence Command
ATSC: Air Technical Services Command
CIA: Central Intelligence Agency
CIC: Commander In Chief
CIG: Central Intelligence Group
CIRVIS: Communications Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings
COMINT: Communications Intelligence
DAI: Directorate of Air Force Intelligence (Canada)
DCI: Director of Central Intelligence
DRB: Defence Research Board (Canada)
DSI: Directorate of Security and Intelligence (Canada)
HAFB: Holloman Air Force Base (Alamogordo)
IAC: Intelligence Advisory Committee
ICBM: Intercontinental Ballistic Missile
IPU: Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit
JIC: Joint Intelligence Committee
JIOA: Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency
JRDB: Joint Research and Development Board
MAJCOM: Major Commands
MAJIC: Majority Agency for the Joint Intelligence Committee
MAJIC: Military Assessment of the Joint Intelligence Committee
MERINT: Merchant Intelligence
MIT: Massachusetts Institute of Technology
NACA: National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics

NEPA: Nuclear Energy for the Propulsion of Aircraft
NIA: National Intelligence Authority
NRC: National Research Council
NRL: Naval Research Laboratory
NRO: National Reconnaissance Office
NRO: National Reconnaissance Organization
NSA: National Security Agency
NSRB: National Security Resources Board
OCI: Office of the Coordinator of Information
ONR: Office of Naval Research
OSRD: Office of Scientific Research and Development
OSS: Office of Strategic Service
PSYOP: Psychological Operations
RAAF: Roswell Army Airfield
RAND: Research and Development
SAB: Scientific Advisory Board (Air Force)
SAC: Strategic Air Command
SIGINT: Signal Intelligence
SIS: Secret Intelligence Service (U.K.)
TSEO: Top Secret Eyes Only
UFO: Unidentified Flying Object
ULAT: Unidentified Lenticular Aerodyne Technology
ULATT: Unidentified Lenticular Aerodyne Technology Transfer
USCIB: United States Communications Intelligence Board
WSMR: White Sands Missile Range
WSPG: White Sands Proving Ground

APPENDIX II

STRUCTURAL NETWORK OF THE UFO COVER-UP AND THE EXTRATERRESTRIAL REALITY (FRENCH)



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He felt that this taboo might have been created by some clandestine organizations. To understand the origin of this taboo and to verify his intuition, he conducted brief historical research of the UFO phenomenon. This research led him to the heart of the establishment of an integrated structure that has been put together in the late 40s. He discovered that this secret structure has been made specifically to control the information of the entire UFO phenomenon and the alien presence on Earth; the Roswell events and the creation of the CIA were at the heart of that conspiracy. In 2010, he joined the Quebec Association of Ufology where he gave several lectures related to his theory.

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